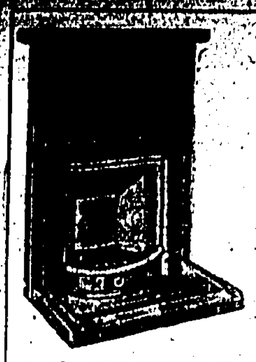

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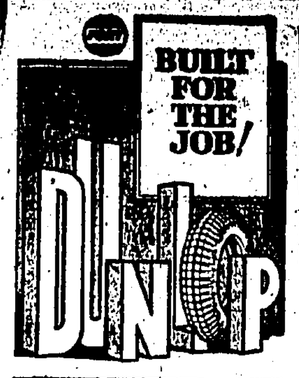

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"I HAVE RENOUNCED NONE OF MY RIGHTS."

ALFONSO ISSUES A MANIFESTO.

ROYAL POWER MERELY SUSPENDED.

DOES NOT BELIEVE FINALITY OF PEOPLE'S VERDICT.

REPUBLICAN POLICY.

THE EXILED King of Spain, Alfonso XIII, has issued a striking manifesto, declaring that he has renounced none of his Royal Rights, refusing to believe that he has permanently lost the love of his people, and indicating a confidence that he will be recalled at some time in the future to rule over the destinies of Spain.

Meanwhile, the Navy, the Civil Guard—to prevent an ugly incident at Madrid—and Ministers abroad have declared their allegiance to the Republic, of which Senor Alcala Zamora has been nominated first President. The Provisional Government announces that it will submit its actions to the verdict of a Constituent Assembly, the elections for which will be held shortly.

ENQUIRY INTO KING'S ACTS.

Paris, Apr. 15.

The manifesto to his people which King Alfonso left behind him with a request that publication be delayed until he had left Spain, has now been disclosed.

Prepared by Alfonso's own hand, the manifesto says:

"The elections have clearly shown that I have lost the love of my people, but my conscience tells me that this disaffection will not be permanent because I have always acted so as to serve Spain.

"Doubtless, I have erred sometimes, but Spain has always been generous to unwilful faults.

"I might have used various means to maintain the royal prerogative, but I want resolutely to eschew anything that might throw my countrymen into a civil, fratricidal war.

"I renounce none of my rights. I am waiting to learn the real expression of the collective opinion of the public and until the nation has spoken, I deliberately suspend the exercise of the Royal Power and depart from Spain, thus recognising that she is the sole mistress of her destinies.

"I am performing a duty dictated to me by the love of my country and I pray to God that other Spaniards may have as deep a comprehension of their duty as I."

The manifesto has caused a profound impression in Spain and abroad, though the feeling of the people may be illustrated in a threatening incident in the streets of Madrid to-day.

Ugly Suspicion Averted.

There was an ugly suspicion for a moment, which dangerously replaced the goodwill with which the celebrating crowds had previously regarded the famous Civil Guards.

Instead of fraternising with them, the crowds started booing and baiting the guards as Monarchical Relics.

The situation was saved by the senior officers, who ostentatiously tore off the Royal Crowns from their uniforms and watched the rank and file following suit to the shrieking joy of the beholders.

Touching Scenes.

King Alfonso's departure from the Palace, which was arranged very secretly yesterday afternoon, was the occasion of a most affecting scene.

While the motor-cars which were to bear him to Cartagena were waiting, and courtiers were standing at the so-called "secret door" opening on to the Campo del Mora, Alfonso went to the room of his ailing son, the Prince of the Asturias, with whom several nobles were conversing.

The nobles departed leaving Alfonso alone with his son.

A few minutes later, the retiring King reappeared, and saluted the by-standers. His face and manner did not betray any emotion when he said:

"I have to demonstrate that I am more democratic than those who consider themselves democratic. There was only one thing to do after the result of Sunday's voting and if I failed to do this I should bring about civil war.

"I love Spain too much not to do this."

The courtiers heard this brief farewell in tears, and Alfonso, with affectionate phrases, embraced them severally. He then partook of a light supper, said farewell to the Queen and his children, asking them to return to their room, and then spoke a few words to the Guard of Honour provided by halbadiers, whose officers broke into cries of "Viva el Rey."

All witnessing the scene were greatly moved, but the King, still calm, waved his hand, turned as he entered the lift and said quietly, "Long Live Spain," and departed.

Queen's Departure.

Queen Ena and her children left Madrid by car this morning, and at a station outside the capital, transferred to a train for the French frontier. She arrived at Hendaye within a few hours, being respectfully greeted throughout the route. There was some delay at one point owing to an overheated axle. The Royal Carriage had to be changed.

General San Jurgo, the head of the Civil Guards, and special bodyguards, wearing red brassards, accompanied the Queen to the frontier.

The King, who embarked on the cruiser "Principe Alfonso" is believed to be proceeding to a port in the south of France with the intention of rejoining his family in Paris.

King's Plans.

It is clear, from reports from usually well-informed quarters that King Alfonso has not formally abdicated.

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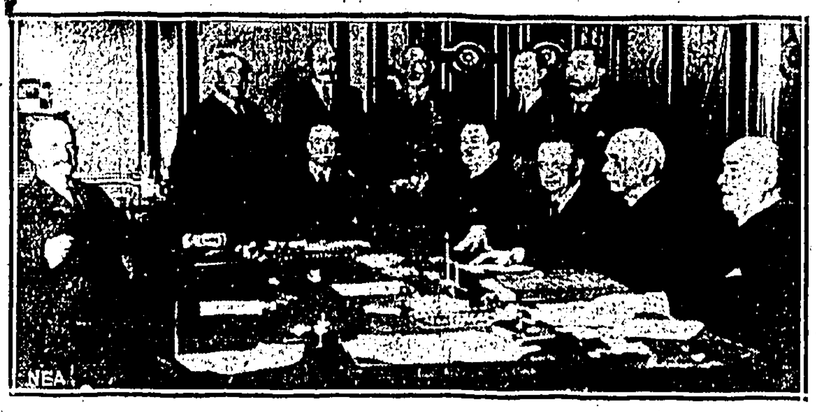

At the helm of Spain's storm-tossed ship of state until the King's surrender to the Republican leaders, our picture shows the Ministry which has been forced to hand over the reins to the Zamora Republican Provisional Government. Admiral Aznar is seated at the head of the table, Count de Romanones is on the extreme left, and on Aznar's left is General Berenguer, who refused to give up the seals of office, and is to be arrested.

BRITISH COTTON TRADE LOST FOR EVER!

LOCAL VIEWS ON THE COTTON REPORT.

SIMILAR SUGGESTIONS URGED FOR YEARS.

A PRICE MARKET.

Very little enthusiasm was exhibited by local piece-goods dealers when interviewed this morning on the suggestions made by the British Cotton Mission for the restoration of Lancashire's trade with China.

The general opinion seemed to be that the proposals would be carried no further than their present stage, and that, even if the suggestions for the complete re-organisation of the system of selling the goods in China were adopted, it would be useless unless the Lancashire mills came into line with extensive reductions in the cost of production.

Trade Lost.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy of Messrs. J. D. Hutchinson and Co., Ltd., summed up the position in the following words:—"I don't think it (the report), will have any effect, so far as recapturing the markets lost to Japan. It may materially assist in bringing Lancashire a little closer to Japanese prices, but whether sufficiently to regain the large amount of business lost, is open to very doubtful question. I am afraid the markets are lost for ever, and personally, I see no hopes of regaining them. Besides which, there is the Chinese competition, with the factories in Shanghai, working behind protective tariffs."

Mr. A. Piercy, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s Imports Department, was almost as pessimistic, and opined that even if the selling re-organisation proposal was accepted, it would be a tremendous task to put into effect. It would undoubtedly provide a means of reducing the cost of selling the goods in China, but the greatest essential was a large reduction in the cost of production and shipping.

Nothing New in Report.

When interviewed by our representative this morning, Mr. Cassidy said: There is nothing new in this report. Anybody who has had anything to do with the piecegoods market knows that the findings of the Mission have been reported for many years past, both by representatives of the Manchester houses, and importers here. We, who have been in touch with the position, knew full well that the Mission would come to the same conclusions. As a matter of fact this report of the Mission is more for Home consumption than for people out here.

"We quite realise that price is the first consideration. We have been telling Lancashire that for years. It has been price, price, price all the time.

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EAST WOOLWICH RETAINED BY LABOUR PARTY.

MR. GEORGE HICKS WINS BYE-ELECTION.

MAJORITY DOWN.

London, Apr. 15.

The result of the bye-election at East Woolwich, occasioned by the elevation of Mr. Henry Snell to the peerage, was declared tonight as follows:

Mr. George Hicks (Lab.)	16,200
Mr. E. S. Shrapnell-Smith (Con.)	12,357
Labour Maj.	3,843

The figures at the last election were: Mr. Snell, 20,447. Mr Shrapnell-Smith, 11,906, a majority of 8,541. Mr. Snell had been the member for the division since 1922, and his majorities have been 5,927, and 4,798. Mr. Hicks, therefore, has obtained the smallest majority in this "safe" Labour seat for many years.

Mr. Shrapnell-Smith, on the contrary, was increased the Conservative vote by over 400, bringing it to the largest ever. The depreciation of the Labour vote is over 4,000.

The new M.P. was chairman of the Trade Union Congress, General Council, in 1926-27, and is General Secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers. He commenced work as a bricklayer at the age of eleven. He rose rapidly in the Union, and is a keen housing enthusiast.—*Reuter.*

PITTMAN COMING TO CHINA.

ADVOCATE OF SILVER STABILISATION.

New York, Apr. 15.

Senator Key Pittman, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and chairman of the committee which has been urging the President to call an international conference for the rehabilitation of silver values, announces that he is leaving for China within a month to study the silver depression effects and trade conditions in China.

The Committee has also directed Senators Swanson and Shinstead to leave for Europe shortly to confer with European Governments on the silver question.—*Reuter.*

POISON-GAS AGAIN APPEARS.

WAVE SWEEPS OVER LIEGE DISTRICT.

Brussels, Apr. 15.

The cloud of strange poison-gas which caused a number of deaths in the Liege district a few months ago re-visited Tilleur, near Liege, to-day.

Many inhabitants had to be medically assisted.

The emanation of the gas extended over a distance of about fifteen miles.—*Reuter.*

FIERCE SCOTTISH CUP BATTLE.

CELTIC CARRY OFF THE TROPHY.

DOUBTFUL GOAL SETS WINNERS OFF.

GAME DESCRIBED.

London, Apr. 15.

Glasgow Celtic defeated Motherwell by four goals to two in the Scottish Cup Final replay at Hampden Park, Glasgow, to-day, which was fought out in fine weather before a crowd exceeding 90,000.

The challenge which Motherwell threw down to the redoubtable Celtic in sensational manner on Saturday, when they forced a draw in a gruelling encounter, was resumed after rain lasting all the morning had cleared up half an hour before the start, leaving the pitch in excellent condition.

Doubtful Goal.

The Celtic won the toss and took advantage of a stiff breeze blowing down the pitch. The first half hour provided comparatively slow football, with neither team getting the upper hand, and then Bert Thomson secured and scored with a shot from a doubtful position. The referee, however, ignored Motherwell's protests, awarding the goal.

Motherwell attacked furiously, Murdoch scored from a beautifully placed corner from Ferrier.

The last first minutes before the interval saw the Celts in the ascendancy, and in some thrilling exchanges, McGrory restored the lead, immediately after which Bert Thomson went through to give the Celtic a half-time lead of three goals to one.

Thomson's Brilliant Saves.

In the second half, assisted by the wind, Motherwell attacked strongly, but fouls on Bert Thomson, who was playing a fine game for the Celts, spoiled a number of promising movements.

John Thomson, in Celtic's goal had a busy time, and he put up a fine display, making some spectacular saves, particular at one stage when he cleared five shots in quick succession.

Murdoch's craft enabled him to beat the Celtic's defence, but his final shot struck the foot of the post. The ball rebounded to McMenemy, who allowed it to pass to Stevenson, who seized on the chance and beat Thomson with a splendid first-time drive from twenty yards' range, the ball passing low down near the post.

Celtic Breakaway.

Motherwell strove hard for an equaliser, but Celtic's defence stood up to their attacks splendidly, and in a breakaway four minutes from the final whistle, the Celtic attack went through for McGrory to shoot into an empty net, Motherwell's keeper having come out to meet the invader.

Result:—Celtic 4
Motherwell 2

English League matches played to-day enabled West Bromwich to take second place in the Second Division, the results being:

First Division.

Liverpool	0	Birmingham	0

Second Division.

Reading	0	West Brom.	3

Third Division (South).

Exeter City	6	Clapton O.	1

Third Division (North).

Gateshead	2	Stockport	1

—Reuter.

Civil Service Salaries.

A Rumour Finally Scotched.

EXCHANGE RATE.

A rumour prevalent in Government circles a few weeks ago, to the effect that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had responded to a petition forwarded on behalf of the Hongkong Civil Service by instructing the Government to cancel the present exchange conversion system, has been finally scotched by a statement in the House of Commons.

The rate of payment of local civil servants was raised at question-time, and Dr. Drummond Shiels, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, replying confirmed that civil servants recruited on a sterling basis were now being paid on a basis of half at true and half at an artificial exchange.

He added, says Reuter, that new recruits will be paid on the same basis, though new recruits are being informed of the conversion rates.

Dr. Shiels said that in view of the serious financial position of the Hongkong Government, no change in the conversion rates was possible at the present time, but the matter would be reconsidered on the receipt of the report of the Commission which had been sent to Hongkong to review the currency position.

The statement anticipated the reply of the Colonial Secretary to the petition forwarded recently. Up to a week or two ago, no reply had been received.

CURRENCY MISSION INVITATION.

Expressions of Opinion Wanted.

The following communique to the Press was issued from the Colonial Secretariat this morning:

"The Hongkong Currency Commission wish to make it known that they are prepared to interview any persons who desire to place their views before them, at any time before the 30th of April. Persons who desire to avail themselves of this invitation are requested to send their names to Mr. N. L. Smith at the Colonial Secretary's Office, together with a precis of the evidence which they desire to tender and an intimation of the dates and times on which it would be convenient for them to appear.

"The Commission have already received evidence from number of gentlemen who appeared before the Currency Committee of 1930 or have been put forward as witnesses by various public bodies in Hongkong."

KING OF SIAM ILL.

VANCOUVER CELEBRATION CANCELLED.

Vancouver, Apr. 15.

The King of Siam is indisposed aboard the Empress of Japan according to a wireless despatch. Consequently, the Siamese Minister has cancelled the entertainments arranged for his arrival on Friday.—*Reuter.*

CURRENCY REFORM.

PLEA BY LOCAL FINANCIER.

OUTLINES VIEW OF BUSINESS MEN.

HOTEL MEETING.

"A currency of more stability and intrinsic value, and one less addicted to violent fluctuations by the mere operation or whims of irresponsible speculators outside the Colony should be made available to Hongkong."

Thus Mr. J. E. Joseph, the well-known financier, addressing the annual general meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, this morning. He added that the thanks of the whole business community would be forthcoming if the Currency Commission were able to evolve a reasonably satisfactory solution of the problem.

Currency matters were also touched upon by Mr. J. H. Taggart, who presided at the meeting, and who spoke in optimistic vein of the Company's prospects, stating that the new share issue would reduce indebtedness to the Bank by two million dollars and cause the Company's position to assume an extremely favourable aspect.

Regarding the Company's bus services, it was stated that nearly seven million passengers were carried last year, whilst there was an increase of approximately 17 per cent. in revenue from this source.

A further announcement was that the Company is considering the utilisation of Diesel oil engines for its bus service, and, if adopted, this would result in a very large saving is operating costs.

A suggestion was made during the meeting by Mr. Frank Austin that the Company should dispose of its Peking and Shanghai commitments and also consider reconstruction of the Peak Hotel. Mr. Taggart, replying, said that whilst prepared to consider offers for the properties, the Company had no intention of beating a hasty retreat from Shanghai, adding that the reconstruction of the Peak Hotel was under consideration.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman, after reading the auditors' report, said:—You will observe from a perusal of the credit side of the Profit and Loss Account that the balance of the Working Account amounted to $1,296,439.35 against $1,358,969.16 for the preceding year. Although a decrease of $62,529 is thus displayed, this result should not, in the circumstances, be regarded as unsatisfactory. Last year's result has been obtained in spite of the adverse trend in exchange during the major portion of the year, with consequential increased cost of imported comestibles, beverages, fuel, etc. Moreover, the drastic depreciation of the local currency inflicted considerable increases in our operating costs in every department, and necessary replacements to plant and machinery, and the general equipment of the hotels, was perforce effected at enhanced cost.

The Company's establishments in Hongkong have experienced during the year an appreciable increase in patronage over that enjoyed last year, more particularly from transient guests. Our establishments in Shanghai, however, were, during the earlier portion of last year, in the matter of rates, placed in the position of having to meet somewhat severe competition, with the advent of a new hostelry in that port. Nevertheless, the progressive effect of resistance resulted in a gratifying volume of patronage being experienced at the Company's two hotels in Shanghai, leading to a satisfactory contribution from that source to the General Working Account profits.

Shanghai Improvement.

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EUROPEAN SENT TO PRISON.

OBTAINING CASH ON OTHER'S CHEQUE.

THEFT BY TRICK.

Harry Simon (21), who described himself as a Hungarian, and an aviation pilot by profession, was convicted by Mr. Williams at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, on charges relating to a stolen cheque for $300, belonging to Messrs. L. E. Gale and Co. and an automatic pistol and an identification card belonging to Mr. Curtis, an aviation pilot in the employ of the firm.

Mr. G. W. Stabb gave evidence of a European having cashed the cheque at the Kowloon Branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. It was endorsed and the money accordingly paid. Witness could not recognise the defendant as being the man who had presented the cheque.

Inspector Vincent produced photographs of the signature on the cheque and specimens of the defendant's hand writing.

When asked to cross-examine the witness, the defendant admitted that the two specimens were similar but denied that the writing on the cheque was his.

Evidence of arrest was given by Detective Sergeant MacDonald, while Detective Inspector W. Shannon stated that he found, among the correspondence in the defendant's effects, a letter addressed to Mrs. Symons, care of Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son, and three empty envelopes addressed to Mrs. Symons at a Home address.

A correspondence clerk employed by Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son stated that the defendant was in the habit of calling at the office for letters addressed to him. On one occasion when defendant asked for letters, the witness produced the letter bearing the name of Mrs. Symons and asked if that belonged to the defendant, who replied that it did and asked for it to be given to him. He took it and went away.

Witness, in reply to the defendant, denied that there were several letters together and that those addressed to Mrs. Symons were hidden among several belonging to the defendant. Witness remembered holding out the letter addressed to Mrs. Symons and showing it to the defendant.

The Defence.

That having closed the case for the Crown, the defendant elected to give evidence on oath. He claimed that it was on March 23 that he was at the offices of Messrs. L. E. Gale and Co. and went on to give an account of his movements, during that afternoon. His defence was a complete denial of any knowledge of the letter containing the cheque. He stated that he left the premises in company with the stenographer, and when he later returned he found the stenographer, who had returned before him, with a gentleman in the office.

Replying to Inspector Shannon, Simon said he had known the L. E. Gale people for more than three months. He was introduced to the people belonging to the branch here by Mr. Curtis, after arrival here on February 13.

Inspector Shannon: A little while ago you admitted that the signature on the cheque is similar to yours? You admit that the A. W. and S. in the signature on the cheque are similar to your hand writing?—Yes.

Can you suggest anybody who would wish to forge your signature, or rather your handwriting?

The Magistrate: Anybody who would like to put you into trouble?

Defendant referred to a Mr. Kelly whom he had met here.

Shown a specimen of his own handwriting, on another letter, defendant denied that it showed any resemblance to the signature on the cheque, and he specified where in his opinion, disparities existed.

He denied having heard the stenographer in L. E. Gale's office mentioning to him the money she was posting to Mr. A. W. Summers at Canton, nor that he knew it was being sent off by the office coolie on the afternoon in question.

Inspector Shannon: When you came down from Shanghai what money did you have on you?

Defendant: I had some money.

Hotel Bill Unpaid.

Since then you have been living at the Kowloon Hotel?—Yes.

At how much per month?—$150.

Did you pay your bill up to-date?—No.

When did you pay for your first month's board and lodging?—On March 27.

On March 27 you received a notice from the Manager of the Hotel asking you to pay for the previous month's lodging?

Defendant replying in the affirmative, agreed that, reckoned from the day of his moving into the Hotel, he still had a balance outstanding against him, after paying $120 on the receipt of the notice. The balance amounted to $71.

Inspector Shannon: Is it not a fact that at that time, before the 27th, you were pretty hard up?

Defendant: I was hard up until I received money from Shanghai.

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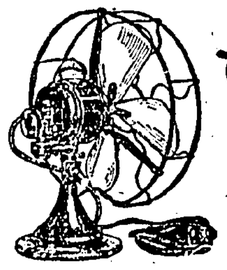

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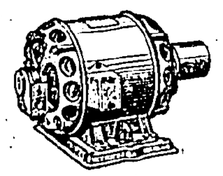

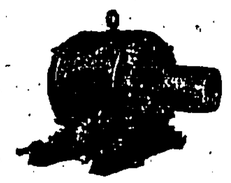

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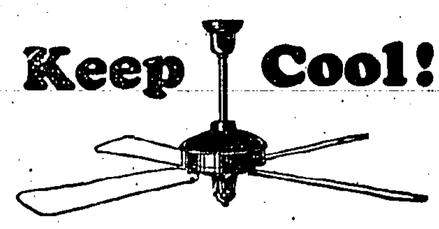

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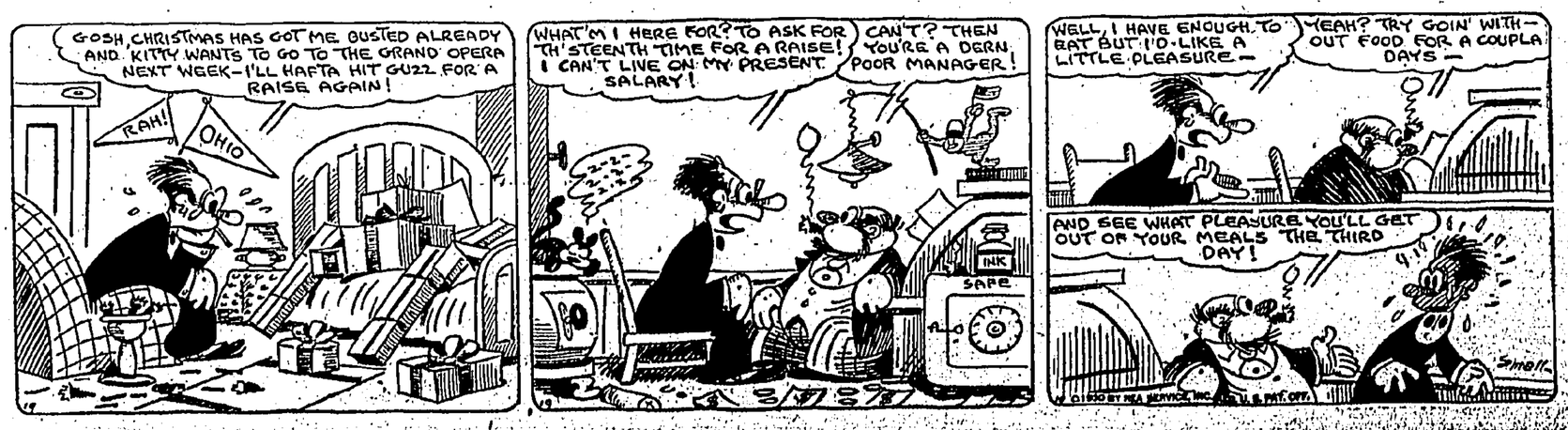

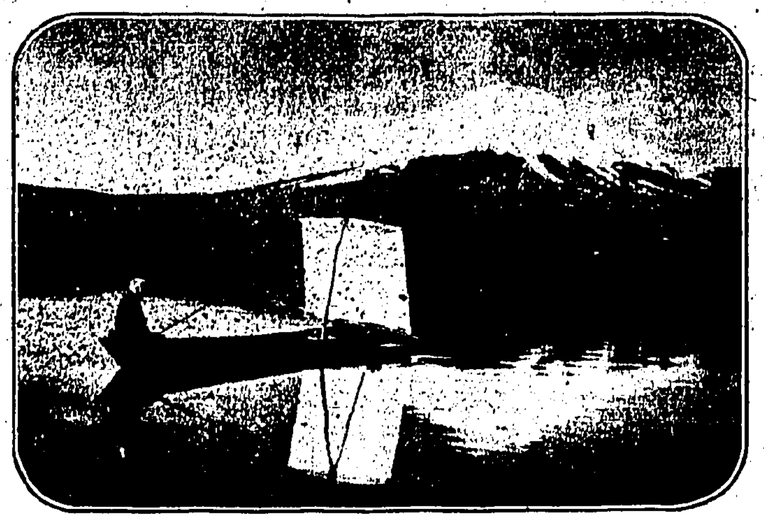

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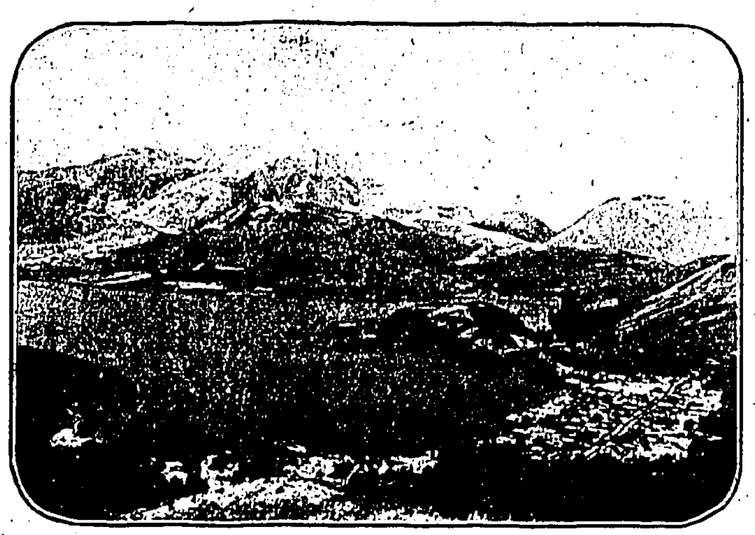
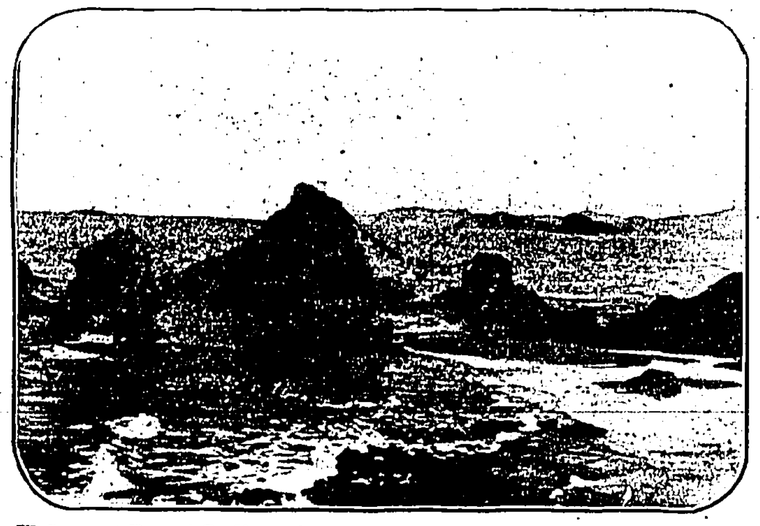
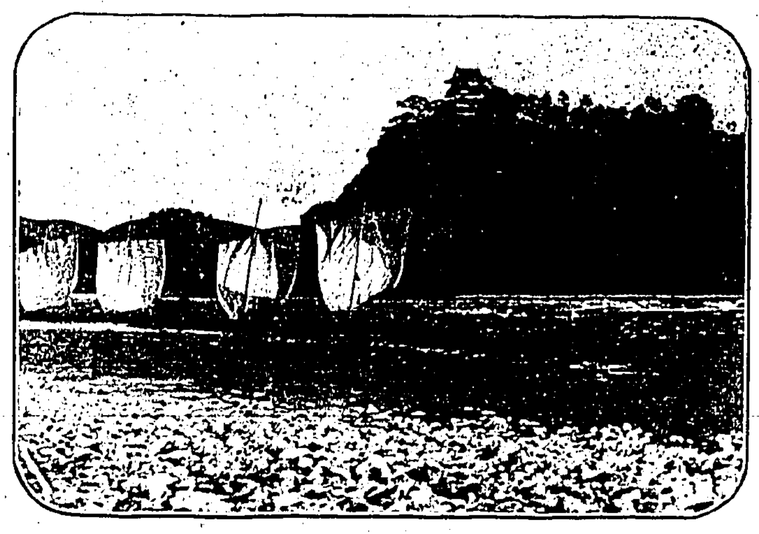


One thousand feet above Miyanoshita in the midst of the Hakone Mountains is the picturesque lake, Ashi-no-ko, in which the sacred Fuji makes its reflection.



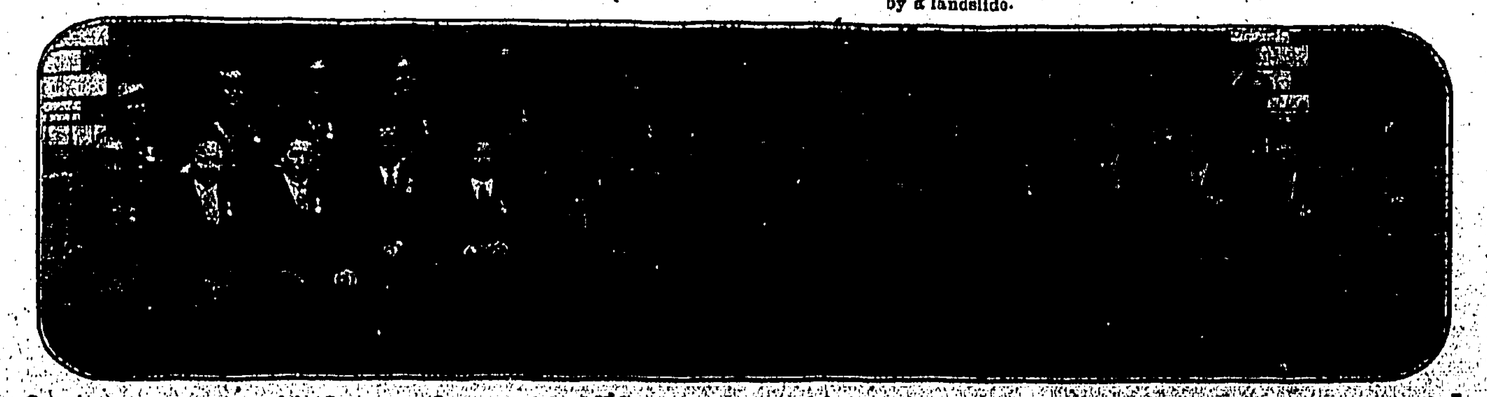
Scene at Futami-Ga-Ura A famed seaside resort within five hours' journey of Osaka. The place is noted for two rocks in the sea called, "Myoto-I Iwa" (Conjugal Rocks.)



The Kiso River, popularly called the "Rhine of Japan," is noted for the white castle of Inuyama which stands on the left bank of the river and in its smallness is almost feminine in its beauty.

Mr. J. E. Badeley, a well-known Shanghai lawyer and a member of the legal firm of Messrs. Hansons.

Workmen attempting to divert a stream of mud and earth from the town of Chatelard, in Savoy threatened by a landslide.



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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
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NOTICE.

I, LIANG CHI HAO, Managing Director, pursuant to the power vested in me under Article 5 of the Articles of Association of this Company intend to offer to the Shareholders on the register on the 20th April, 1931, the remaining 20,000 Ordinary Shares of the nominal value of $10.00 each issued by the Company at par in proportion to the existing shares held by them respectively on that date.

Dated this 13th day of April, 1931.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Third Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 18th April, 1931, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5. for Gentlemen and $3. for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $2. including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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Unassociated Mills sold 2,000 tons Whites, July delivery, at f8.62½ to Japanese buyers.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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On View from Monday,
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have recived instructions from Mr. John S. Smith, the proprietor of the Station Hotel, to sell by Public Auction,

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CINEMA NOTES.

SCREEN NOW INTRODUCING DANCE STEPS.

That the musical screen will supplant the stage as a medium for introducing new dance steps within less than six months is the prediction of Margie (Babe) Kane, who has the ingenue role in "The Great Gabbo," James Cruze's all-dialogue musical spectacle coming to the Majestic Theatre to-day.

Because of her popularity as the originator of modern stage dancing and vivacious personality, Miss Kane was recently placed under a James Cruze, Inc., long term contract.

According to Miss Kane, who will introduce an entirely new dance of the "stomp" type in "The Great Gabbo," the younger generation, which seldom consistently attends the legitimate theatre, is taking up the audient screen as a model for its new dances.

The number which Miss Kane introduces in "The Great Gabbo" is entitled "The New Step," the music for which was written by Paul Titsworth and Lynn Cowan.

Indian Singer in "Whoopee".

Most stage and screen Indians are perfectly good Americans dressed up in brown paint and feathers, but the man who plays Black Eagle in "Whoopee," the Samuel Goldwyn-Florenz Ziegfeld musical extravaganza which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday is a real live Indian. He is Chief Caupolican, opera singer of great fame, and an authentic aboriginal American, albeit of the South American variety.

Born in Temuco, Chile, down at the other end of South America, he was noted as a boy for possessing a voice of extraordinary range and power even before he had received any formal training. His early youth was spent on the sea in the Chilean merchant marine. Friends of his kept insisting that his real career lay in singing and, taking them at their word he came north to the United States to give it a trial.

He turned out to be not only a singer of rare power but a genuinely good actor and when he appeared at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York as Mathias in "The Polish Jew" the press abounded with favourable comments on this striking combination of talents. His services have been in great demand ever since.

He explains that it is quite appropriate for him to be playing the role of a North American plains Indian in "Whoopee," since the South American and North American Indians are of practically the same race, with no more difference than distinguishes a man from Colorado from a man from Ohio. His powerful physique and commanding voice add greatly to the party of the old chief, Black Eagle, which is his assignment in this picture.

"Strictly Unconventional".

"Strictly Unconventional" to appear to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre is particularly interesting to students of the drama because it definitely demonstrates the quick manner in which the screen and stage have merged to develop the new art of talking pictures.

This picture, for example, adapted from W. Somerset Maugham's celebrated stage play, "The Circles", is the first screen directorial effort of one of New York's most successful stage craftsmen. David Burton produced such stage hits as "The Swan", "Serena Blandish", and "The Royal Family".

In the cast are two who have been entirely devoted to the screen for over ten years. Lewis Stone and Ernest Torrence; three, Catherine Dale Owen, Mary Forbes and Tyrrell Davis, who abandoned the stage less than six months ago; and two, Alison Skipworth and Paul Cavanagh, who make their initial American screen appearance by way of this vehicle.

"Strictly Unconventional" abundantly demonstrates that neither stage nor screen is being killed by the talkies", stated Burton recently. "There is plenty of room for the three expressive arts, and no competent artist will lose his position, no matter where he received his original training. There is no doubt, however, that we have reached a point where it will be the survival of the fittest. Talking pictures are an infinitely more complicated art than either of the two they precede, and they require special and rigorous training. Screen people must absorb stage lore, and stage people are lost if they do not study carefully what the screen has accomplished, and how it has been done".

"The Laughing Lady."

Clive Brook, who was Ruth Chatterton's leading man in "Charming Sinners" is to be seen and heard in support of the Paramount star for the second time when "The Laughing Lady" comes to the Central Theatre for a three days run beginning to-day.

In this comedy-drama of society life which deals with wealthy New Yorkers, their foibles and didoes, Miss Chatterton is the wife of a wealthy banker who thinks more of his Wall Street than he does of his home sweet home. She becomes the innocent victim of a scandal at Southampton, fashionable seaside resort, and when her husband learns of it through the press, he divorces her without further ceremony.

Clive Brook is the friend of the husband and the lawyer who effects the victory for him against his wife in the divorce trial.

The subsequent proceedings are alternately humorous, dramatic and romantic.

The story is derived from Alfred Sutro's play of the same name which had a great success on Broadway. Bartlett Cormack and Arthur Richman adapted the story for the talking screen.

"Animal Crackers."

The four Marx brothers, who introduced a new brand of comedy that is wholly enjoyed in a previous picture shown here, justify all expectations when they appear in their second picture "Animal Crackers," which was screened for the first time at the King's yesterday. The title is difficult to understand, but if it signifies fun which is riotous, talk that provokes laughter, and actions that are amusing to watch, then one cannot cavil at it, for all these essentials of an enjoyable present are packed from beginning to end. We can recommend "Animal Crackers" to the attention of the public as a picture which is stimulating and engrossing.

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Straits	Burdwan	April 16.
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers, London 19th March)	Haruna Maru	April 17.
Japan, Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia (London 28th March)	Hakozaki Maru	April 17.
Amoy	Talma	April 17.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B. C. 28th March.)	Empress of Canada	April 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 20th March.)	Pres. Adams	April 18.
Dairen and Amoy	Tjisalak	April 19.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 24th Mar.)	Taiyo Maru	April 20.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 27th March.)	Pres. Grant	April 20.
Java and Manila	Tjisaroea	April 22.
Japan	Kamo Maru	April 24.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Apr. 16, 3 p.m.
Saigon	Haloard	Thurs., Apr. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Foochow	Kanchow	Thurs., Apr. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Thurs., Apr. 16, 4 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong	Thurs., Apr. 16, 4.30 p.m.
Formosa	Vogtland	Thurs., Apr. 16, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Fri., Apr. 17, 1 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Haruna Maru	Fri., Apr. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kum Sang	Fri., Apr. 17, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakozaki Maru	Sat., Apr. 18.
		K. P. O.
		Registration. Apr. 17, 4.30 p.m.
		Letters 4.30 p.m.
		G. P. O.
		Registration 5 p.m.
		Letters 6 p.m.
		(Due Marseilles 16th May).
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C., and *Europe via Siberia	Pres Jefferson	Sat., Apr. 18.
		Parcels 3 p.m.
		Registration 4.15 p.m.
		Letters 5 p.m.
		(Due Victoria B.C. 5th May).
Manila	Empress of Canada	Sat., Apr. 18, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden and Egypt	Pilsna	Sat., Apr. 18, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaigan	Sun., Apr. 19, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Apr. 19, 9 a.m.
Straits	Teiresias	Mon., Apr. 20, 2.30 p.m.
*Swatow and Amoy	Antung	Mon., Apr. 20, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C. and Siberia	Heian Maru	Tues., Apr. 21,
		Registration April 20, 5 p.m.
		Letters Apr. 21, 8.30 a.m.
		(Due Vancouver B.C. 11th May)
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Changte	Tues., Apr. 21.
		Parcels Apr. 20, 5 p.m.
		Registration Apr. 21, 9.45 a.m.
		Letters Apr. 21, 10.30 a.m.
		(Due Thursday Island 2nd May.)
Hoihow and Bangkok	Liangchow	Tues., Apr. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Yuensang	Tues., Apr. 21.
		Parcels Noon.
		Letters 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tues., Apr. 21, 2 p.m.
Straits	Anchises	Tues., Apr. 21, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hop Sang	Tues., Apr. 21, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halyang	Fri., Apr. 24, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Rajputana	Sat., Apr. 25.
		K.P.O.
		Parcels Apr. 24, 4.30 p.m.
		Registration Apr. 25, 9 a.m.
		Letters Apr. 25, 10 a.m.
		G.P.O.
		Parcels Apr. 24, 5 p.m.
		Registration Apr. 25, 9.45 a.m.
		Letters Apr. 25, 10.30 a.m.
		(Due Marseilles 22nd May.)

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It is not as widely realised as it should be what a boon Tandice Tanks are to all those who live in hot climates these compact tanks are made on the thermos principle and therefore all bottles that are put in become and remain ice-cold for twenty-four hours with a very small expenditure for ice.

What a great improvement this is on the ordinary ice-chest where only these bottles which are actually resting on or touching the ice become cold. Most of us have experienced the frantic and annoying search on a hot night for a really cold bottle to the detriment of our tempers and also we all know the number of times we have had to send back a warm Soda because the "Boy" could not be bothered to burrow down to find a cold one. When an ordinary ice-chest is filled up the usual practice is to put in some layers of bottles and then a large quantity of ice, some bottles around and above the ice and then more layers of bottles above these and the result is when a bottle is required the one nearest to hand is generally taken.

All this is eliminated by a Tundice, for then the bottles are placed standing up and a remarkably small quantity of ice is placed on top of the bottles, this ice slowly melts and runs down the sides of the bottles and collects at the bottom of the tank, this means that all the bottles are standing in ice-cold water and not only become but remain ice cold. And also as these tanks are made on the thermos principle the air inside becomes ice-cold so when a fresh bottle is put in this also becomes beautifully cold in a very short time but care must be exercised to replace the lid as soon as possible. A good method to adopt is to refill after three or four bottles have been taken out. They are magnificent used in conjunction with a Frigidaire or a Kelvinator.

The small sized tank can be carried easily by one person so it becomes a matter of convenience to move it from room to room, this is a real boon on a hot night. Think of waking up in the night and by merely stretching out a hand to procure an ice-cold drink instead of having to get out of bed and walking some little distance to the ice-chest and in all probability there finding all the ice has melted and nothing but warm bottles. These Tanks can also be carried out to the tennis court enabling cold drinks to be had at any moment instead of having to call for the "Boy" whenever one is required, then again they are invaluable on any picnic-walking, launch, or car. The small size is small enough to fit comfortably under one's legs or there is another shape which fits to the shape of the running board and can be clamped on securely and safely, and also there is a perforated folding tray for food which the ice cold atmosphere keeps fresh and sweet throughout the whole day.

The prices are so graded, that they are within the reach of all pockets and the saving in ice soon pays for the outlay and then becomes a profit to the owner besides adding very materially to comfort and luxury. No house is complete without one.

BONUS SYSTEM OF THE BETHLEHEM STEEL.

APPROVED BY BIG MAJORITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.

New York, Apr. 15.

Seventy-two per cent. of the stockholders in the Bethlehem Steel Corporation have approved of the bonus system at present in force. This is a victory for the board of directors, as on January 14 four stockholders asked the Chancery Court of Newark, New Jersey, to compel the directors to refund to the Corporation over G$36,000,000 allegedly paid in bonuses since 1911.

The suit was intended to bring about the entire elimination of the bonus system.—*Reuter's American Service.*

WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Negligee and Evening Gown.

White satin negligee, worn by Kay Francis, in Paramount Pictures, with new close-fitting lines and lavish fur trimming.

Evening gown created by Reville, showing the contrast of colours, bertha effect, and uneven hemline.

MAKING THE MOST OF WALNUTS.

Five Ways in Which to Use Them.

Although it is unnecessary to blanch walnuts in the way that almonds require to be treated, it sometimes happens that the skin is rather tough. Particularly is this so when the nuts are fresh gathered. If the skin should seem leathery peel off as much as possible before chopping the nuts.

Here are some of the ways in which walnuts can be used.

Walnut Princes.

Ingredients: 6oz. icing sugar, 3oz. chopped walnuts, 2 whites of eggs.

Put sugar and walnuts into a basin and add the unwhipped whites of the eggs. Work all togther for about ten minutes until the mixture thickens, and then lay small portions on a rice paper covered baking sheet. Sprinkle a little chopped walnut on the top of each cake and bake in a fairly quick oven for twenty minutes.

Walnut Savouries.

Ingredients: 1 small cream cheese 3 stoned olives, ½ teaspoonful salt. Cracker crumbs. Walnuts.

Chop the stoned olives and mix well with the cream cheese salt and a dust of pepper. Shape into globes and roll each in sifted cracker crumbs. Flatten and set half a walnut on each side. Dish up on a d'oyley covered plate.

Walnut Cheese.

Ingredient: 1oz. chopped walnuts, 4oz. grated cheese, 2oz. bread-crumbs, 1oz. butter. The juice of half a lemon 2 tablespoonfuls chopped onion. Salt and pepper.

Cook the onion in the butter and a little water until soft and mix in the remainder of the ingredients. Pour all into a greased dish and bake until brown in a hot oven.

Jellied Walnut.

Make a packet jelly, using rather less than a pint of water. Cover the bottom of a shallow, wetted pan with half of the jelly and, when nearly set, place halves of walnuts one inch apart over the entire surface. Pour the remainder of the jelly carefully over and leave until firm. Cut into squares and garnish each with a rough heap of whipped cream sprinkled with finely chopped walnuts.

Walnut Pudding.

Ingredients: 3 eggs, 2oz. sugar, 4oz. breadcrumbs, 1oz. chopped walnuts.

Beat the yolks of the eggs until light and frothy and add the sugar and breadcrumbs and mix thoroughly. Fold in the stiffly whipped whites of the eggs and the chopped walnuts and divide the mixture into two sandwich cake tins. Bake in rather a slow oven until browned—about half an hour. When slightly cool set the two halves together with apricot jam to which a little chopped walnut has been added. Spread a little jam on top of the pudding and garnish with halves of walnuts.

A BEAUTY HINT.

When the cheeks are rouged, carry a little of the colour right up to the eyes. By contrast the whites and pupils will appear more brilliant.

With an eyebrow pencil draw a very faint line below the lower eyelashes and above the upper ones. This will emphasise the expression of the eyes.

GREEN EYEBROWS.

The Smartest Thing in Hair.

Life is certainly becoming more and more complicated for the woman who likes to keep abreast with that fickle jade, fashion.

It is not only to her clothes that she will have to devote any artistic gifts she may possess in the near future, if she wants to be really smart.

An artist's skill may soon be required for the successful colouring of eyebrows, ears, and hair, if the latest rumours are true.

News comes from Los Angeles that green eye-brows, silver-tipped eye-lashes, and golden ear-lobes are soon to be fashionable for women!

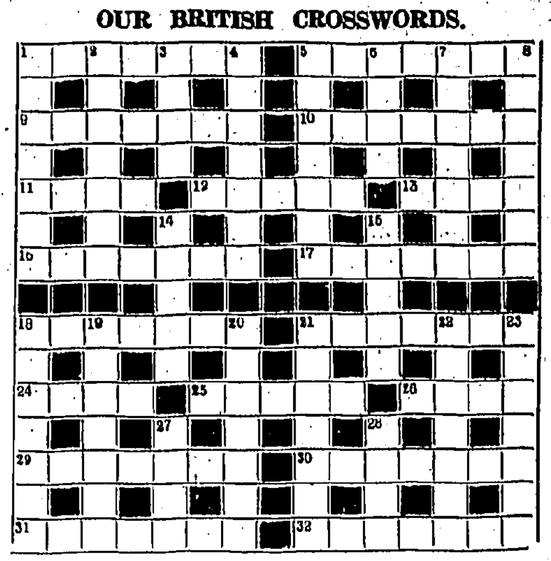
Add to this the fact that finger-nails are to be painted to match the colour of the gown and the hair and you will see that the smart woman is going to have several "new interests."

A cheering note for women who hate to grow old is that the smartest thing in hair is said to be going to be platinum colour, which is attained by bleaching and then treating with a wash to which has been added a dash of indigo.

FEATHER MULES.

Bed-room slippers of crepe-de-Chine are being replaced by mules of feathers. The mule is cut with a square toe, and the whole shoe is of feathers worked so cleverly as to appear like satin. This slipper looks very well in the popular shade of turquoise blue; it can, of course, be obtained to match any dressing jacket.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

1 "Present" (anag.).
5 I apologise for being a few days late in serving this dish.
9 What we all are.
10 You may drink the last portion, the convolvulus will do the whole.
11 "What does little bridie say In her nest at—of day?"—Tennyson, "Sea Dreams."
12 This measuring apparatus sounds only comparatively qualified.
13 A school roll—largely rubbish, in schoolboy parlance.
16 Mix a pestilential little animal with lest, to amuse very small children.
17 Ploughman's work. Change its head to find where he lives.
18 Warlike.
21 Determined.
24 After a bird this may well imitate.
25 What part of the equipment of a small boat sounds as though it was part of the boatman?
26 Why hesitate? All the others want to advance (hidden).
29 This must be cut short, please.
30 A plural sounding disease.
31 Distinguish clearly.
32 It will be quite in order to drop ash here, but you will go wrong if you drop an "h."

Down

1 Although only comparatively keen, this is likely to be too much for the average flat.
2 Clothing made with a distinct aim.
3 The dictionary calls this a minced oath.
4 Hanging matters, as a rule.
5 Kind curate: "Why, Jimmy, what are you sitting here all alone for? All the others have gone in to tea." Jimmy (tearfully): "P-please, s-sir, the Vicar told me to sit 'ere for the—, an' no one ain't give it me yet."
6 Line.
7 One of the United States.
8 Multiply eleven by two thirds in front of the Goddess of Mischief, and raise up.
14 I am in the plan—that's very evident.
15 A fishy sounding spot.
18 Clerk to Mr. Serjeant Snubbin—a birdlike character.
19 What the sensible worm does when it hears the early bird, and the sensible person as soon as he can.
20 Scriptural reading-desk.
21 "A dim elm." (anag.).
22 Shakespeare's schoolboy, for example.
23 A family matter in high circles.
27 "Dreams, which are the children of an—brain, Begot of nothing but vain fantasy."—"Romeo and Juliet."
28 There's a good one. Have a pop at him (hidden).

Yesterday's Solution

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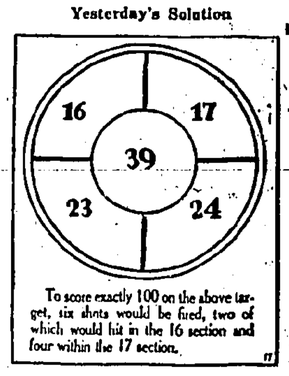
STICKERS

NOW IN ●●●●●●● TOMES THE PROFESSOR OPINED THAT BY ●●●●●●● WEAKLY HE STRENGTHENED HIS MIND, BUT HE CARRIED SO FAR THIS OBSERVANCE ABSTEMIOUS, THAT IT STARVED ALL THE FIRE THAT ●●●●●●● HIS GENIUS.

The three missing words, indicated by the black dots, are all composed of the same seven letters. Can you supply them? 31

Yesterday's Solution



To score exactly 100 on the above target, six shots would be fired, two of which would hit in the 16 section and four within the 17 section. 17

MAJECTIC SITE PURCHASED.

FOR USE AS BUILDING ALLOTMENTS.

Shanghai, Apr. 15.

It is learned to-night that the Asia Realty Company, as managers of a syndicate consisting of Sir Robert Ho-tung, Mr. Maurice Benjamin, Mr. Li Ming, Mr. K. P. Chen, and themselves as interested parties, have purchased the Majestic Hotel site, and plan a sub-division into logical lots for building purposes.

The ballroom is being retained, but the hotel will be sold.

At the Shanghai ratepayers' meeting to-day, the proposal by certain of the ratepayers that the Municipal Council should acquire the Majestic site for Tls. 3,500,000 to use it as a civic centre was defeated by a majority of two to one, after two hours' discussion.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

THE OUTBREAK IN NICARAGUA.

A NUMBER OF AMERICANS AND BRITONS KILLED.

New Orleans, Apr. 15.

Eleven Americans and an unknown number of British subjects have been killed by Nicaraguan insurgents who are advancing on Puerto Cabezas, according to reports received by the Standard Fruit and Steamship Company here.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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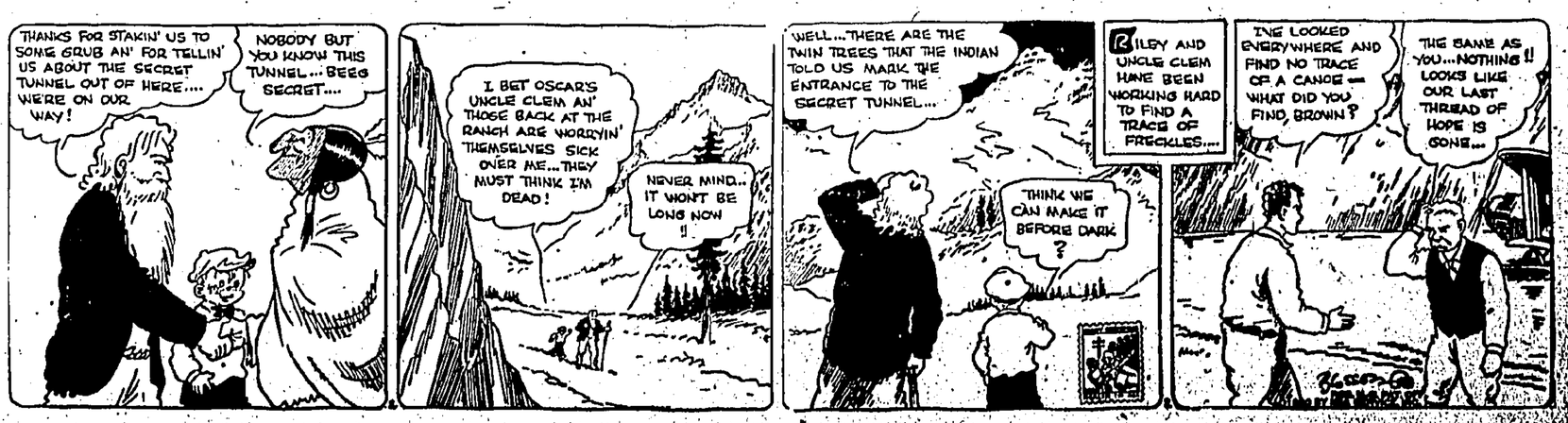

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22113—Tip-Toe thru' the Tulips — *Johnny Marvin*
I'm painting the clouds with sunshine — " "
22242—Tip-toe-thru' the Tulips (Organ) — *Jesse Crawford*
Chant of the Jungle " " — " "
B-3291—Painting the Clouds with Sunshine — *Gracie Fields*

"Say it With Songs"

1425—Little Pal — *John McCormack*
I Love to hear you singing — " "
21951—Little Pal (Organ) — *Jesse Crawford*
Why Can't You?" — " "
21952—Little Pal — *Gene Austin*
Why Can't You? — " "
21953—Why Can't You?— — *Shilkret-Victor Orchestra*
Used to you " " " "
21954—Little Pal — *Olsen's Music*
I'm in Seventh Heaven — " "
22056—Now I'm in Love — *Arnheim's Orchestra*
One Sweet Kiss — " "
22091—When you come to the end of the day — *Paul Oliver*
Mem'ries of One Sweet Kiss — " "

"What a Widow"

22531—Love is like a song — *Reisman's Orchestra*
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THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1931.

THE PIECE GOODS PROBLEM.

As was expected, the British Cotton Mission which recently visited the Far East reports that the problem facing Lancashire manufacturers in the Orient centres around the price factor. This, in effect, is what the Mission was told when it was in Hongkong. We recalled quite recently Sir Thomas Allen's retort when he was told that the piece goods market in the East is a price market. His remarks on that point could be interpreted as meaning that if the standard of wage and living seen in the Far East must become the standard for Britain if she hopes to compete successfully with the Oriental manufacturer, then there could be no question of recapturing the lost trade. In spite of this utterance, however, the Mission plainly says that if Lancashire is to recover any of her lost ground, her prices must not exceed those of Japan, her principal competitor. To the layman, it is difficult to see how a sufficient reduction in costs is to be effected, although there is obviously much room for cutting down on marketing expenses.

Whilst it may be true that quality has become a secondary consideration latterly, owing to the reduced purchasing power of the people, the fact still remains that quality does count for something. British piece goods have ever led the way in this respect, and it would be wrong to concentrate solely on shoddy products in a desperate attempt to get down to a low level of cost. The probability is that the consumer, whilst not prepared to pay the present difference as between British and Japanese goods, might willingly buy the British article at a slightly higher cost provided the quality is definitely higher. It is, however, in regard to the marketing arrangements that the biggest need for reform is apparent. Realising this point, the Mission advocates the creation of a special organisation, the object of which shall be the centralisation of selling agencies and the gaining of more direct contact with the Chinese buyers. There can be little doubt that in the case of piece goods, as in regard to many other commodities, prices are needlessly increased because of the large number of intermediaries through which the goods have to pass before they eventually reach the user. This is the main reason why the Mission advocates working through fewer channels. Whether the scheme outlined in practicable is a matter for those concerned with the industry's problems, but in the opinion of the members of the Mission, who are technical men and ought to know what they are talking about, there can be no improvement in the situation without radical alterations in the methods of exporting and marketing.

There is one aspect of the question touched upon by the Mission which is of peculiar interest and importance to this Colony. This is the section of the Report which advocates the standardisation of qualities required by the China market and the maintenance of stocks at selected points, in readiness for quick delivery as occasion warrants. For this purpose, we can conceive of no better centre than Hongkong, which can claim immense advantages from the fact that it is a free port. Indeed, this Colony might well become the headquarters of the proposed new organisation or of the selected houses through which it may work. Goods could be stored here without the necessity of paying the heavy import taxes levied in China until such time as they are actually required. This is an aspect of the question which might well be taken up by the Chambers of Commerce or by houses which are keeping in touch with the Mission. On the general question of costs, to which we have already alluded, the Mission does well to urge on every section of the industry to consider how these can be reduced. It may not be possible to meet to the full the intense competition from Japanese sources, but if a really big effort is made, there would be a possibility of knocking off a good deal from present British prices. The present moment is abnormal in some respects, due to the general world depression and the effects of the silver slump, but now is the time to work out in detail schemes of reform, in readiness for the day when the demand will increase. If action is taken along the lines advocated by the Mission, we shall at least have the satisfaction of knowing that every effort is being made to deal with a situation of unexampled difficulty and seriousness.

Alfonso's Abdication.

The abdication of King Alfonso of Spain, destroying the oldest monarchy in Europe, followed the natural course of events. Step by step, the forces of revolution consolidated their gains, and finally the King bowed to the will of the people, as expressed in their votes at the municipal polls. His retirement was typical of a man of proved courage. When the fires of rebellion raged fiercest a few months ago, when shouting Republicans ventured to the very gates of the great white palace in Madrid, when worried leaders of the government met nervously behind closed doors, Alfonso—who had the most to lose—remained the calmest of all in his government. He refused to surrender. On Sunday, when the result of the elections revealed the nationwide anti-monarchist feeling, he at once realised that the people's vote was recorded against him personally, and clearly contemplated a graceful retirement. It needed only further demonstrations of Republican feeling to induce him to hasten his departure, not because he entertained fear for his personal safety, but because the course he elected to take offered the only chance of avoiding dreadful bloodshed. The Crown was in a position to rally forces strong enough to hold out against Republican resources for a considerable time, but Alfonso, a man of democratic ideas in some ways, not quick enough perhaps to foresee events which might have been forestalled, chose the peaceful way. Alfonso is a man of quick intellect, but of the active rather than the speculative kind, impulsiveness, a certain imperiousness, and an earnest desire to perform his royal duties to the best of his ability and to be of service to his country, though unmistakably at the head of it. Of Spain's economic and industrial march forward during the period of his reign there can be no doubt, but Alfonso had the misfortune to be always lagging a step behind the political ideas of his people, and like so many other European monarchs since the War, he marched to his downfall. In most breasts there will be sympathy for the fallen sovereign, the last of the Bourbon kings.

DAY BY DAY

THE DEMAND THAT ALL OTHER PEOPLE SHOULD RESEMBLE OURSELVES GROWS BY WHAT IT FEEDS ON.—*John Stuart Mill.*

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The P. and O. s.s. Khiva from Hongkong arrived at London on the 14th April at 9 a.m.

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The forthcoming wedding is announced of Samuel Henry Peplow, No. 6, Granville Road, Kowloon, to Ada Pearl Norton, of the same address.

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Caught under a fall of earth during excavation work at Lai Chi Kok yesterday, a coolie was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital with serious injuries.

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The rainfall registered at the Royal Observatory for the 24 hours ended 10 a.m. to-day was 0.16-inch, making the year's total so far 7.26 inches, compared with an average of 8.60 inches.

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Friday, April 17, will be observed as Pound Day at the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals, Bonham Road. The Hospitals will be open for inspection, and for the reception of gifts from 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

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Lai Chi-foo (20), living at a boarding house at 148, Connaught Road Central, attempted suicide yesterday by swallowing opium. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where his condition was reported as serious.

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The following telegram has been received by the Consul General for Portugal in Hongkong from His Excellency the Governor of Macao transmitting a telegraphic message received yesterday, from the Minister for the Colonies in Lisbon:—"Complete tranquility prevail in all Continent and Colonies."

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Revenue Officer Humphreys, before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged Ho Chung and Fung Sam-mui, husband and wife, with possession of 8.5 taels of raw opium on the first floor of 426, Shanghai Street. The first defendant denied the charge, but the second defendant admitted it and was fined $250 of six weeks' imprisonment. The first defendant was discharged.

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A further week's formal remand was granted by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning in the case in which Mrs. Jeng Shee, formerly of California, who is wanted in America on an embezzlement charge, is appearing before the local courts on extradition proceedings. Mr. T. Murphy, (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence) at the last hearing, said the agent from the States would be arriving in Hongkong during the beginning of May.

"Mother, you're too young to be wearing those old-fashioned clothes."

What is a "Living Wage"?

By B. SEEBOHM ROWNTREE.

IN this period of economic upheaval, when every nation is anxiously seeking customers for its goods, questions of production costs and of wages are likely to claim a large amount of public attention. It is therefore desirable to ask, in the light of to-day's prices, what sum constitutes a living wage?

The amount which should be allowed for "wants" after absolute "needs" have been provided for is to some extent a question of individual opinion, and perhaps the most useful way of approaching the matter is to seek to establish the minimum sum on which a family of given size can be maintained in a state of physical efficiency—and then to add whatever sum we think adequate in order to arrive at a reasonable living wage.

In fixing wages, the first question is the size of family to be supported by the breadwinner. To-day much is said and written in favour of a system whereby wages shall be supplemented by family allowances; but whatever may be the merits of such a system, public opinion in this country is not yet ready to adopt it.

A few years ago I made an elaborate investigation, which convinced me that in fixing wages we cannot allow for less than three dependent children. This may be thought an over-estimate, but as a matter of fact, in the wide range of families covered by my inquiry, more than half the children belonged to households where, for a number of years, there were more than three children dependent entirely on the father's earnings.

Food First.

Having decided the size of family the wage must provide for, the next step is to ascertain the minimum sum which must be spent on the various necessaries of life in order to keep the family in a state of physical efficiency. The chief item is food. Here the first problem is to ascertain how much nutriment, expressed in protein and calories of fuel energy, is necessary for physical efficiency.

Although opinions differ, and the amounts vary with body weight, severity of work, and other things, the consensus of opinion seems to point to 115 grams of protein and 3,500 calories of fuel energy per man per day as the most reasonable average figure to allow—with eight-tenths of this for a woman, and an average of half the amount for each of the three children.

The next task in building up our budget is to translate his nutriment into a dietary. If we adopt a budget providing for the cheapest cuts of butcher's meat and make a liberal use of such foods as peas, margarine, and bread, we arrive at a figure of 20s. 9d. a week. But I want to make it quite clear that the dietary is as economical as and hardly more attractive than is provided in workhouses, and that in order to maintain full physical efficiency on such a sum the housewife must possess a very full knowledge of the dietetic value of different foodstuffs, and be willing to act on it.

The Clubman's Share.

With regard to the question—Whether the amount of nutriment allowed by me is excessive, I may mention that I made a careful study of the amount of nutriment provided in the meals supplied in a West End club, whose members are mostly professional men, and none of them doing hard physical work. The dietary provided in this club contained over 50 per cent. more nutriment than I allow in my dietary.

Now take rent. What shall we allow for this? Since we are seeking to establish a minimum cost, the house must be sufficiently good and spacious to enable the family to maintain health, and to allow for separation of the sexes, but nothing more. Rents vary widely, especially as between town and country, and obviously no estimate made could apply in all possible circumstances. Yet, as we must take some figure, I think 9s. a week for rent and rates is a fair average for towns, and considerably less in the country.

The next item is clothes. When I investigated this matter, years ago, a large number of housewives belonging to the poorer class of workpeople were interviewed. They were asked: What is the lowest sum on which you can clothe yourself and family, providing what is necessary to keep you warm and dry, and sufficiently respectable to get work, but allowing absolutely nothing for "finery?" The investigators discussed each article of clothing for father, mother, and children, and finally arrived at a figure which seemed a fair average. At to-day's prices that would be 1s. 2d. per week for the man, 1s. for the woman, and 10d. each for the children—a total of 4s. 8d.

The figure for coal, light, and household sundries, arrived at in a similar way as the result of careful investigation, would be 4s. 4d. for coal and light, with coal at 2s. 8d. per bag of 10 stones, and 1s. 8d. a week for such household sundries as charing materials, minor replacements of pots and pans.

Finally, there is compulsory Health and Unemployment Insurance, the worker's contributions to which amount to 1s. 4d. a week; and for sick clubs we may allow 6d.

The Minimum.

Thus we arrive at the following budget as the absolute minimum on which full physical efficiency can be maintained for a man, wife, and three dependent children of school age.

	S.	D.
Rent	9	0
Food	20	9
Clothing	4	8
Coal and Light	4	4
Household Sundries	1	8
Compulsory Insurance	1	4
Sick Club		6
	42	3

It is to be noted that this allows not a farthing a year for newspapers, stamps, beer, tobacco, travelling, amusements, and incidental contingencies.

How much should be added to this to provide a reasonable living wage is a question which each reader must answer for himself. I have provided only the bare foundation on which to build.

I may, however, add that I have sought to arrive at what may be regarded as a reasonable minimum wage for town dwellers. I have no space left for particulars, but at to-day's prices the figure works out at 54s. 8d., but I would remind my readers that prices are rapidly falling.

One word in conclusion. It may be said that my figure of 42s. 3d. for a minimum physical efficiency wage for man, wife, and three children must be too high, because thousands of families only receiving this amount do spend money on the pictures, on beer, tobacco, and many things not allowed for in my budget. My answer is that such families are not physically efficient, a fact to which the large number of C3 men unfit for service bears eloquent testimony. Of course, no family with 42s. 3d. a week lives on the rigid standard I have set up, but we should never forget that when they purchase something not necessary for physical efficiency they do so at the expense of their health standard.

They may not be consciously hungry—but they lack proper nourishment. They are like horses fed continually on hay instead of oats; and their vitality is at a low ebb. Usually it is the women who suffer. To a less extent it is the children. The man has to be the best fed, in order that he may hold his job.

Eighteen Chinese employees of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. were arrested by the police at 132, Shaukiwan Road for gambling and when brought before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, Detective Sergeant Lamont informed his Worship that complaints had been received from residents in the vicinity of the annoyance that was being caused. Each of the defendants was fined $3 with the exception of three, who, failing to answer the charge, had their bail of $4 estreated. A sum of $14.65 was confiscated.

EUROPEAN CHILD ASSAULTED.

PEAK CHAIR COOLIE FINED FIVE DOLLARS.

KIDDIES WARNED.

Two European children on the Peak were concerned in an assault case which came before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy today.

A chair bearer was charged with assaulting Mary Kerrick, the six-year-old daughter of Major Kerrick. A companion, Alistair McIntyre, who was with the girl, was cited as a witness of the alleged assault.

Stating the case, Sub-Inspector Logan, of the Mount Gough Station, said that on Tuesday afternoon both children were playing in the chair shelter on the Peak, near the Tram Station. There were some chair covers—canopies of the chairs—where they were playing. From the statements he had taken, the girl and the boy were supposed to have interfered with the canopies, by playing with or stepping on them.

The defendant informed the police that he told the children to go away more than once. He went over to them on one occasion and told them not to interfere with the canopies. He was alleged to have struck the girl on the side of the head. There was a mark on her nose. She bled freely. Then a soldier, Private G. E. Coleman, came on the scene. He could testify that the girl was standing near the coolie, with her nose bleeding. The coolie was alleged to have struck one blow.

Coolie's Version.

As to the coolie's version of the case, he said he went over to the boy and the girl, both of whom, he said, were dancing on the canopies of the chairs, one of which, when examined, was found to be slightly damaged. He told them in Chinese to go away. When they did not desist, he went over to them, and when he started to chase them, the girl tripped and fell and hurt her nose. He was calling three other chair coolies to substantiate his statement.

The Magistrate enquired if there were any bamboos lying about on which the girl, in falling, might have struck her nose, and Inspector Logan said he had gone into the question and found that the only things approximating these were the supports on which the canopies were held.

"I bailed him out, myself," said Inspector Logan, referring to the defendant.

The officer went on to explain that it was usual for the No. 1 in charge of the coolies to bail them out when they got into trouble, but he was absent. The defendant in the present case could not find the money. "He is a respectable coolie, and perhaps lost his temper," the Inspector suggested.

A Previous Case.

He agreed with his Worship that these cases of assault on children were extremely rare in the Colony. He had been two-and-a-half years on the Peak, and the present was only the second case that had come to his notice. In the first case, the coolie concerned did not come before the Court. It was settled by the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Wolfe, in the coolie's favour. The children, it had then appeared, had been playing with the coolie, getting into his chair. When getting out of it, one of them fell down and he accused the coolie of striking him. That was the conclusion Mr. Wolfe came to—that the boy in question was interfering with the chair.

The defendant in the present case, Inspector Logan went on to say, had been 20 years on the Peak.

Good Record.

The Magistrate:—Has he got a perfectly good record?

Inspector Logan:—A perfectly good record.

His Worship:—This girl admits playing with these covers?

Inspector Logan:—She did not admit playing with the covers to me, but she admitted playing there, but the boy, Alistair McIntyre, informs me they were playing with the covers.

To the parent of one of the children concerned in the case, His Worship said the children had better be warned by him that they were not to play with the chair covers or near them. "The coolie," his Worship continued, "has, in my opinion, used unnecessary violence with this girl, and he must pay a $5 fine."

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that a depression covers China. Pressure is highest to the east of Japan.

CROCKERY THEFT BY COOK.

HELPED HIMSELF TO MESS EQUIPMENT.

GIVEN FINE OPTION.

A cook employed at the Wireless Station mess on Stonecutters' Island, appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning on charges of theft of a saucepan and a quantity of crockery, and, alternatively, of receiving the articles knowing them to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defendant and said he was pleading guilty to the first charge, which would automatically remove the second. He would like to appeal to his Worship for leniency for the defendant, who was employed in the Wirless mess at Stonecutters. He had been engaged there for the past four years and during that time had taken small quantities of crockery back to his house. He had no intention of taking them for sale but only fell into the temptation to take some of the crockery for his own personal use. Most of the crockery had been found in his house.

Continuing, Mr. Lo said he understood that the crockery in use at the mess would not be regarded as serviceable when it got chipped or broken and although, they did not, of course, authorise the defendant to take them away for his own personal use, he was tempted to do so as he thought that in any case they would not be of any further use to his employers.

The crockery in Court, said Mr. Lo, represented what he had taken from time to time during the four years. He understood that the defendant's employers had been completely satisfied with defendant as a cook and that the police were not taking a serious view of the case.

In reply to his Worship, Detective Sergeant J. R. Clark said that, with the exception of one plate, the crockery was all in good condition. The total value was $24.

His Worship decided to give the defendant the option of a fine of $75 or six weeks' hard labour in default.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Kidnapping Sentences.

[To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph.*]

Sir,—Members of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children should be rather upset when they come across newspaper reports that kidnappers are given exceptionally light sentences of late. For child stealing no consideration is given for the anguish of the parents and kidnappers are given six months' hard labour. Yesterday the kidnapper who sold two children in Amoy was after a long period, found walking in the streets of the Colony (possibly looking for further victims) was given 12 months for the offence of stealing two boys. Only one boy has been rescued. The other is still missing and possibly will spend the rest of his life in slavery. Handbag snatchers are usually given one year's hard labour and 18 strokes of the cat. Seeing this, one is at a loss to understand why the Magistrate can not even see it fit to put the crime of kidnapping of a boy and the snatching of a handbag on the same footing.

In the old days kidnapping was viewed as a very serious crime and cases of this nature generally went down to the Sessions. Sir Henry Gompertz on one occasion sentenced a man to 20 years' hard labour for delivering a letter in Hongkong demanding ransom for a kidnapped boy. The light sentences passed kidnappers nowadays will never have a deterrent effect on kidnappers and if I am not at all mistaken, kidnapping is on the increase.—Yours etc.

F. K. L.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	124.19½	124.27½
Geneva	25.21½	25.20½
Berlin	20.40½	20.40½
Oslo	18.16½	18.16½
Helsingfors	193¼	193¼
Buenos Aires	38.15/16	38⅝
Athens	375	375
Shanghai	1/3¼	1/3⅛
New York	4.85.13/16	4.85⅞
Amsterdam	12.10¼	12.10¾
Stockholm	18.15¾	18.15
Vienna	34.55½	34.54½
Madrid	48.95	46.90
Bucharest	817	817
Montevideo	33	32
Hongkong	11⅝	11⅝
Brussels	34.93½	34.94½
Copenhagen	18.16¾	18.16¾
Milan	92.18½	92.81½
Prague	164⅛	164¼
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Rio	3⅝	3⅝
Bombay	1/5.13/16	1/5.55/64
Yokohama	2/0.13/32	2/0.13/32
Silver (spot)	13.1/16	13.1/16
" (forward)	13.1/16	13.1/16

—*British Wireless.*

"I HAVE RENOUNCED NONE OF MY RIGHTS."

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It is stated that he has been actuated by the belief that the forthcoming elections for the Constituent Assembly could be conducted more peaceably if he withdrew and that he awaits the decision of the nation expressed through an elected body empowered to amend the Spanish Constitution.

A national holiday is being celebrated all over the country, and no disorders have occurred except in Barcelona, where a crowd released all prisoners in the gaol and a general strike was called. Several deaths occurred in street fighting.

Governments Cooperate.

In Madrid and elsewhere, the outgoing and the incoming governments apparently cooperated to prevent any outbreaks, and General San Jurgo has placed himself at the disposal of the Provisional Government for the maintenance of order.

While Spain is enjoying a holiday, the Provisional Government is working hard, publishing decrees and urging discipline and the maintenance of order, as well as nominating further Ministers of the Republic, establishing the Statutes of Government, providing for an amnesty to political prisoners, and creating a Ministry of Communications.

Verdict of Nation.

In a long apologia for its existence issued this afternoon, the Zamora Government declares that although it has full powers, it is prepared to submit its actions to the verdict of a Constituent Assembly, and recommends an enquiry into the events preceding the dissolution of Parliament in 1923 and the subsequent happenings.

The Government also recommends a revision of the official civil and military organisations and concludes with an assurance that respect will be paid to private property, and promising an improvement in the condition of the peasantry.

New Ministers.

An amended list of the members of the Provisional Government, in which Senor Alcala Zamora has been nominated as President of the Provisional Government of the Republic, has been issued as follows:

Premier: Senor Zamora.
Foreign Affairs: Lerroux.
War Minister: Azana.
Marine: Casares Quiraga.
Finance: Indalecio Prieto.
Interior: Miguel Maura.
Public Works: Albornoz.
Labour: Largo Caballero.
Communications: Martinez Barrios.
Economy: Nicolau Dolwer.
Public Instruction: Marcelino Domingo.
Justice: Fernando de los Rios.

Republican Policy.

Later.

Indications of the Spanish Republican Government's policy were given by Senor Prieto, the new Finance Minister, interviewed in a train while travelling to Madrid returning home from exile. He affirmed: "We shall meet all our financial obligations.

Replying to a query as to what Spain will do in connexion with the alleged Spanish-Italian secret treaty, which placed a Spanish island at the disposal of Italy for a naval base, and which has caused such heart-burnings in France, Senor Prieto snapped: "Denounce it immediately!"

The Foreign Minister, Senor Lerroux, in an interview, affirmed the ability of the Republicans to avoid dismemberment of the country, or a slipping towards the extreme Left.

Navy Turns Republican.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Squadron has telegraphed from Cartagena that the Republic has been proclaimed on all warships.

Advices from Tetuan state that the Republic has been proclaimed in Spanish Morocco. The High Commissioner has telegraphed to Madrid announcing his adherance to the new regime. He mentions that a native guard at the High Commissioner's office, mistaking the intentions of a crowd of demonstrators marching in procession through the streets, fired upon the mob, wounding eight.—*Reuter.*

American Invitations.

New York, Apr. 15.

Municipal publicists are seizing the shining hour as shown by the example of Los Angeles, which sent a wireless message inviting King Alfonso to "come and forget your troubles at the fiesta being held here in September."

St. Augustine, in Florida, in inviting Alfonso to settle down in the homely atmosphere of their town, point out that it is one of the oldest cities in the United States, with a Spanish background dating back to 1565.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Tetuan Incident.

Tangier, Apr. 15.

There has been bloodshed at Tetuan through a difference of view regarding the new Spanish Republic. A crowd insisted upon hoisting the Republican flag at the residence of the Senior Official. The latter objected and ordered the guard to fire. Two were killed and several wounded. This is another version of the incident, details of which were cabled to Madrid by the High Commissioner.—*Reuter.*

Infante Juan at Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, Apr. 15.

Alfonso's son the Infante Juan, who is a naval cadet at Cadiz, arrived here from Cadiz to-day aboard a Spanish destroyer and went to the Hotel Bristol.

The Infante Juan subsequently went to Government House on the invitation of the British Commander-in-Chief.—*Reuter.*

The transference of authority at Madrid was made through the Presidents of the old Senate and Chamber, and was communicated to the public by the hoisting of the republican flag, which was hailed deliriously. Senor Zamora immediately broadcast an exhortation for the preservation of dignity and public order, promising regional freedom.

A few officials are opposed to the new regime. The Captain General at Valencia displayed hostility and was removed, and General Berenguer, the War Minister, refused to hand over the seals of office. He will be arrested.

Government's Manifesto.

Madrid, Apr. 15.

To-day was declared a national festival. A proclamation by the new Government says:

"The Provisional Government of the Republic has taken over power without formality and without resistance. It assumes the headship of the State with the express assent of triumphant political forces, registered by popular vote at the elections. Interpreting the unhesitating desire of the nation, the committee of public forces, whose coalition has been established to inaugurate the new regime, designates Alcara Zamora to the Presidency of the Provisional Government of the Republic."

A Worthy Head.

Zamora, who is head of the new Government of Spain, has twice been a Minister of the Crown, and is the only ex-Minister to abjure the monarchy and become a Republican. By his conversion, the Republican ranks have gained one of their cleverest adherents. He was the mainspring of the December rising, after which for six months he conducted the Republican business from prison. He is one of the greatest orators in Spain and one of the best informed men on military questions, particularly the Moroccan question.—*Reuter.*

STRANDED FRENCH STEAMER.

"HENRY KESWICK" LEAVES FOR SCENE.

The Kowloon Dock tug Henry Keswick left Hongkong at about 4 a.m. to-day for Hainan Strait, where the French steamer Limchow stranded after colliding with the Canton on Tuesday afternoon.

It now transpires that the passengers on the Limchow have been taken off, some by the Canton, which has apparently suffered only very slight damage, if any at all, and some by the B. & S. vessel Kiangsu, which was in the vicinity. The passengers are being taken to Haiphong, it is understood.

The Limchow is aground near Pochim Pagoda, Hainan Strait, and it is estimated that the Henry Keswick will arrive at the scene in about 24 hours.

We are informed by the Compagnie Indochinoise de Navigation that they are the owners of the s.s. Canton, and not the Messageries Maritimes, as stated yesterday.

MADMAN CHASES DUCKS.

JUMPS INTO HARBOUR AFTER A BRACE.

The unusual spectacle was witnessed at Shaukiwan yesterday of a demented man chasing two ducks along the waterfront. When the birds took to the water, the man, nothing loth, followed them.

The joy of pursuit took on such a zest, that the suspicion was engendered in the minds of lookers-on that the man was not in his right senses. Finally, after half-an-hour of the sport, and the man seemingly not tiring, a friend intervened on behalf of the harassed ducks. He took the demented man to the Government Civil Hospital, where he is now under medical observation.

GROSS CRUELTY TO PIGS.

FIVE MEN REPRIMANDED BY MAGISTRATE.

FINES IMPOSED.

A story of gross cruelty to pigs was unfolded at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. Hamilton when five men, Liu San, Chan Luk, Chan Cheung, Cheong Cheung and Iu Wing, were charged with cruelty to pigs in transporting them to the Yaumati railway station in a motor lorry on April 11.

The first two defendants had been previously charged, and the case had been adjourned in order that the other three might be produced.

At the previous hearing, a Chinese detective had given evidence. It transpired that he had stopped the lorry at the railway station. It was being driven by the first defendant and five other men were seated on the crates. There were altogether ten crates with pigs inside, and they were in three tiers. The detective found that in one crate there were three pigs, of which one was dead, while in another crate, in which there was no matting, was another dead pig. The driver had pointed out the second defendant as the owner, and he in turn had said that three other men owned all but three of the pigs.

Lam Ming, a Chinese detective, gave evidence this morning, saying that he had made inquiries and found that the three other defendants had sent pigs in the same lorry.

The first defendant, in answer to the charge, said the coolies and packed the crates, and he only drove the lorry to Yaumati.

Mr. Hamilton:—Can't you understand that it is grossly cruel to put three tiers of crates with pigs inside and convey them over a distance of 25 miles? Two of the pigs were dead at the end of the journey.

The first defendant:—The coolies were responsible for the packing. I was only in charge of the lorry.

Mr. Hamilton:—You are in the same position as the captain of a ship, who has to see that the pigs are properly packed when bringing them here.

The second defendant said he owned three pigs. He thought they had been properly packed.

Mr. Hamilton, addressing the first defendant, said:—The next time the second defendant comes with pigs, put him in the lorry and put the pigs on top of him.

The third, fourth and fifth defendants said the coolies had been responsible for the packing.

Mr. Hamilton:—You are responsible for seeing that they are properly packed. Your position is, however, different from the first two defendants, who actually saw the packing, but legally you are responsible for the ultimate result. But I will make a distinction between your case and the other two men. In their case it was gross cruelty. The first and second defendants are fined $25 or one month's imprisonment each, and you three $5 each.

DIOCESAN OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY.

The fifth annual general meeting of the Diocesan Old Girls' Association was held yesterday in the Diocesan Girls' School. There was a good attendance of members.

Miss Robinson, the President of the Association, presided and in addressing the meeting thanked the members of the Committee for their work during the past year.

The annual report was read by Miss P. J. Anderson, the Hon. Secretary, after which the statement of accounts was read by Miss M. Grose, the Hon. Treasurer. The profits of the year amounted to $394.16 and the credit balance of the Association stands at $1,787.98 at the end of the financial year.

These reports were unanimously passed.

During the year the Association held bathing picnics and social functions which were largely attended. Physical Culture Classes were also held under Miss Lee, Physical Instructor of the Diocesan Girls' School.

The meeting proceeded to elect officials of the Association for the next financial year. The following ladies were elected:—President, Miss W. Robinson; Vice-President, Miss M. Kacker; Hon. Vice-President, Miss E. K. Walters; Hon. Secretary, Miss P. J. Anderson; Hon. Treasurer, Miss A. Wood; General Committee, Miss E. Allen, Miss O. Barretto, Miss B. Choa, Miss K. Grose, Miss M. Grose, Miss K. Gourdin, Miss V. Shea and Mrs. A. Urqhart.

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MANCHURIA RAILWAY.

NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED FROM NANKING.

Mukden, Apr. 15.

To bring about concord to Nationalist and Manchurian foreign policy, the Manchurian Government has yielded to the Nationalist demand that the negotiations between the Manchurian and Japanese Governments on railway issues in Manchuria should be conducted at Nanking. For some time the negotiation has been carried on between General Chang Hsueh-liang and Japanese delegates at Mukden. The Mukden announcement for the shifting of the discussion to Nanking has caused discontent among the Japanese. The coming visit to Tokyo of Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese representative at Nanking, is known to be connected with this railway issue at Mukden.

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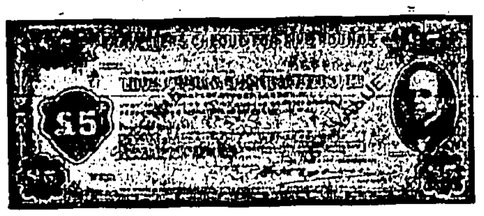

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Japanese Good Enough.

"There is no question of comparing the quality of the British and Japanese products. The Japanese is distinctly lower, but they are good enough for the Chinese consumer."

Referring to the Mission's suggestion for the formation of a Company in Britain to control the export and sale of Lancashire goods in China, and with it, the holding of bulk stocks, Mr. Cassidy said that his own feeling was that even if stocks were held, they would still find themselves at a disadvantage, and the only way to compete with Japan was by reduction in the cost of production, freight and such like.

No Solution.

"I don't think it will affect it," he added. "It may materially assist in bringing Lancashire a little closer to the Japanese prices, but whether sufficiently to regain the large amount of business lost, is open to question and is very doubtful. I am afraid they are lost for ever, and personally I see no hopes of regaining the business. Besides which, there is the Chinese competition, with the factories in Shanghai working behind protective tariffs."

"The report adds nothing new, and seems to offer no real solution. At the moment, Britain still produces to advantage, the higher grade fancy goods, but these are quality lines, and so far, the Japanese have been unable to make any impression upon that market. Yet they have already opened a market in lower grade goods, are competing with us, and improving upon them steadily!"

Possible Economies.

Mr. A Piercy said there was little doubt that some economy could be effected by cutting out the 75 representatives of the 75 different firms operating in China, and bringing the distribution of goods under the control of three or four firms, but what Lancashire had got to realise was that cheap prices came before quality. He was not at all certain if the reorganisation suggested by the Mission was practicable. It would be a tremendous task, and he did not know how it could be effected.

He viewed with alarm, not so much Japan's grip on the China markets, as the ever-increasing competition that was being offered to Britain by the Shanghai factories, which were capturing our trade in the Persian Gulf and Constantinople. These factories were now producing millions of yards of cloths and other textures, and were seriously threatening our markets outside of China.

Lower Wages.

It was but another piece of evidence to support the contention that Lancashire must produce more cheaply, which could only be accomplished by lower wages.

Mr. Piercy pointed out that there were three methods of selling open to the British industry. Firstly, the confining of distribution to one big organisation, such as suggested by the Mission: secondly, the system which was at present followed, the selling through a large number of firms in China, and thirdly, restricting the distribution of the goods to three or four of the big firms.

The big problem which would arise in connexion with the first and third, would be as to what would happen to the numerous small firms which were now engaged in that business? They would have to protect themselves somehow.

Sir Ernest Thompson Seen.

London, Apr. 16.

Discussing the Cotton Report (published elsewhere in this issue) with Reuter, Sir Ernest Thompson stressed that the Mission, representing all sections of the cotton trade, brought home a unanimous report.

All came to the conclusion that a reduction in the cost of production and an improvement of marketing methods were an absolute necessity. Both remedies were interdependent.

He announced that Mr. Gillett and Mr. Edward Crowe would proceed to Manchester on Sunday to discuss the questions of reorganisation with the trade.

Without Delay.

Sir Ernest Thompson emphasised that the position was such that the Mission was forced to act without delay. He hoped that the Mission's proposals would be carried out simultaneously with the reorganisation of Lancashire's productive capacity.

Answering questions, Sir Ernest said that the Mission did not find American cotton hitting the British in China.

The fall of silver in Japan did not affect Britain now that Japan was on a gold basis, but the proximity of Japan to China affected Britain when business was on a falling basis.

Lancashire's Problem.

Many questions were directed with a view to ascertaining the Mission's views of the lines upon which reorganisation in Lancashire should proceed. Sir Ernest replied that that was a question for the industry.

The full cotton report is being publishing on Friday and the general report of the Economic Mission in a fortnight's time.—*Reuter.*

LOCAL SWIMMING ACTIVITY.

LADIES FOR INTERPORT CONTEST.

A meeting of the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association was held at the V.R.C. last evening, when the following representative of the various clubs were present:—Mr. W. Logan (Chairman), Mr. J. Stewart (Hon. Sec.), Mr. E. Railton (Hon. Treas), Dr. D. Liang (V.R.C.), Mr. J. A. Victor (V.R.C.), Lt. Roper Caldbeck (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), Mr. Wong Kam Ying (C.A.A.), Lt. Wolfe Barry (R.A.), Commander Morris (Royal Navy) and University representative.

On the proposition of Mr. Logan and seconded by Lt. Roper Caldbeck, Mr. J. A. Victor was unanimously elected Hon. Sec. to take the place of Mr. J. Stewart who will shortly be leaving the Colony.

Commander Morris and Dr. D. Laing were elected as representatives for the Royal Navy and Civilians respectively.

It was the unanimous decision of the meeting that every effort be made to send a side up to Shanghai for an interport contest and a Sub-Committee will be appointed to discuss the financial side of the question. It is hoped to raise the necessary funds by holding Night Fetes and Interport Trials and in this respect the V.R.C. will afford the Association every facility. The Chinese representatives have been asked to co-operate by holding if possible, one or two night fetes at North Point.

It was also proposed that if funds allowed, a team of ladies be sent up to compete for Interport honours.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER.

BORDERERS DEFEAT THE CHINESE ATHLETIC.

Playing on the Sookunpoo ground yesterday, the South Wales Borderers defeated the Chinese Athletic by a goal to nil, in the first division of the soccer league.

The Athletic fielded several reserves but pressed from the kick off. A free kick thirty yards out gave Ho Kakeung a chance to put the Athletic one up, but he cleared the bar with a header. Another free kick to the Athletic was shot wide by Ho Choi-yin. The Borderers then got in, but Davies was pulled up for pushing Chan Sik-pui, the Athletic goalie.

A free kick to the Borderers sent Channings in, but he shot into Chan's hands from close range. Duncan sent across with Davies in a good position but his header cleared the post.

The second half opened with the Borderers attacking but shooting was wild. Johnson picked up from Lai Kwok-chui and the Borderers transferred but Davies again shot wide. Free kick for Athletic thirty yards out was taken by Ho Choi-yin but he cleared the posts. A corner to the Borderers was cleared and the Athletic were soon at the other end. Suen heading wide from a centre by Ng Po-lau. A shot from Lakeman was just reached by Chan and Duncan returned wide. Another shot by Lakeman was well cleared by Chan and play was transferred, Suen sending in a fast rising shot which Johnson tipped over the bar. The Borderers were pressing but failed to register a goal through wild shooting.

Ho Choi-yin sent in from the half way line but Johnson cleared. Leung Yuk-tong stopped Duncan and punted well forward, Ng Po-lau clearing the bar with a long shot. The Borderers forced a corner and following a scramble in the Athletic area from the resulting flag kick, Duncan sent in a fast cross shot and the ball striking the inside of the post spun into the net giving Chan no chance to save.

With less than a minute to go, the Borderers went straight down from the centre kick and Davies struck the underside of the crossbar and the ball rebounded to play, it being cleared just as the final whistle sounded, with the Borderers winning by the only goal scored.

SILK INDUSTRY IN EASTERN CHINA.

NANKING GOVT. GRANTS A $2,000,000 LOAN.

Nanking, Apr. 15.

An important resolution to assist the silk industry in Kiangsu and Chekiang was passed by the State Council yesterday, when the Government decided that a public loan of $2,000,000 should be issued to render financial assistance to silk manufacturers in these two Provinces.

It will be recalled that keen competition from Japan and other foreign silk producing countries and the unsettled political conditions in China last year caused heavy losses to the silk industry near Shanghai.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, $2035 b.
Chartered Bank, £15½ n.
Mercantile A. and B., £24 n.
East Asia $118 b.

Insurances.
Canton Ins., $1390 b.
Union Ins., $635 sa.
China Underwriters, $4.40 b.
China Fires, $525 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., $1300 n.

Shipping.
Douglas, $21 b.
H. K. Steamboats, $26½ b.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) $40 n.
Union Waterboats, $35½ b.

Mining.
Benguets, $9½ b.
Kailans, 31/9 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 5/½ n.
Raubs, $38¾ n.
Venz: Goldfields 3¾ b.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, $161 b.
Whampoa Docks, $28½ b.
South China Motors $10 n.
China Provident, $5.30 b.
Hongkews, Tls. 300 b.
New Engineers, Tls. 6¼ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 113 b.

Cottons.
Ewo Cotton Tls. 143¾ b.
S'hai Cotton, Tls. 107 b.
Zoong Sings Tls. 11.60 n.

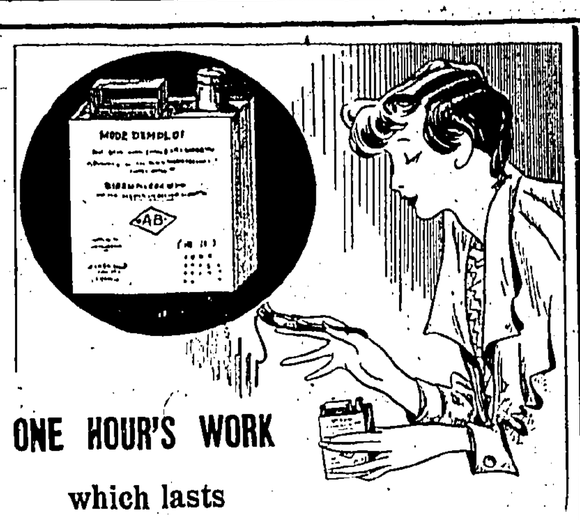
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, $15.10 b.
H. K. Land $84½ n.
S'hai Land Tls. 42 s.
Humphreys, $16¼ s.
Realties, $11.90 sa.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, $173¾ b.
Peak Trams, (old) $14¼ n.
Star Ferries, $93 s.
China Lights, (old) $25.30 b.
H. K. Electrics, $78½
Telephones, $53½ b.
China Buses, Tls. 18.20 n.
Singapore Tractions, 6/6 n.

Industrials.
China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabons $39 n.
Canton Ices, $3¼ b.
Cements (Comb.) $17.90 b.
Ropes, $14.75 b.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, $25.60 b.
Watson, $12.60 n.
Der A. Wings, $1 n.
Lane Crawford, $5¼ b.
Mackintosh, $20 n.
Sinceres, $13¼ n.
Powells $2.85 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, $27 sa.
Constructions, $5.90 s.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, $68% b.



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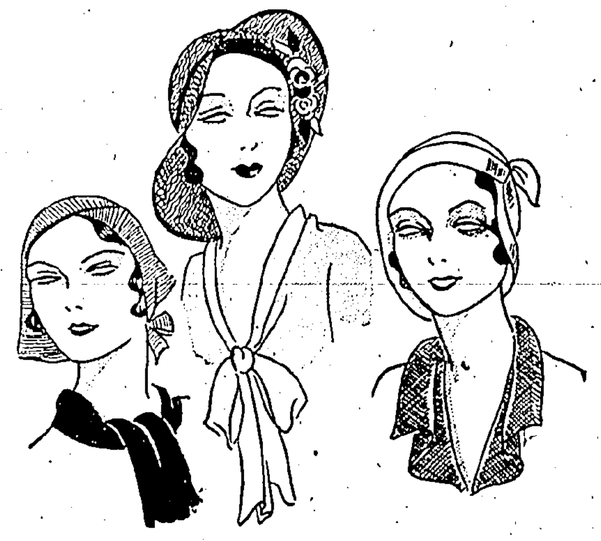

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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

To keep life from growing too dull in Red Thrush, Iowa, Ginger Ella Tolliver, daughter of a minister and stepdaughter of the wealthy and indulgent former Phil Van Doorn, organized a Junior Country Club.

Bard Holloway, a young artist who was bobbing through the country, stopped in Red Thrush. Attracted by Ginger, he agreed to stay and paint portraits and decorate the clubhouse. He suggested sending to Chicago for Nicolo Calleno, who could cook and sing and strum a guitar.

But Nicolo could not come. In his place came three of his countrymen. Angelo could play; Pietro could cook; Benito could sing. Ginger took them on. Beginning to realize he was in love with Ginger, Bard suggested leaving. But Phil persuaded him to stay longer as their guest, and she wrote to Speed Roney, a former friend of Ginger's, and invited him. She felt he would give Bard some competition.

Ginger met this move by inviting Patty Sears to take care of Speed. When Speed wired that he was bringing his sister she also persuaded Eddy Jackson to come, and Eddy decided to ball things up by keeping Ginger and Bard separated. This he did. Speed's sister's nickname was Cotton. Eddy deviously contrived to keep her and Bard together while he stuck to Ginger and paired Patty off with Speed. Everyone had a miserable time.

Meanwhile, Benito had made a trip to Chicago and returned with presents for all and a plan to kidnap Ginger and hold her for ransom. He bided his time out at Mill Rush, site of the club, and waited for his opportunity.

When Speed Roney, not knowing how matters stood, told Bard that Ginger and Eddy Jackson were engaged, Bard determined to leave. And at that point of the proceedings Ginger disappeared. Shortly afterward a note was found, containing instructions and a demand for $50,000. Phil immediately wired to Chicago for the money and a pair of private detectives. When the detectives arrive they disclose the fact that Cotton is not Speed's sister and denounce her as an impostor. Speed then confessed that he and Cotton had been secretly married, and then Angelo and Pietro were questioned.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

"Yeh?" Marker said.

"I," said Benito, "am a great singer."

"Yeh?"

Benito was used to proving what he said. He went off at once into a striking operatic attitude. "Porgi amor, qual che ristoro," he roared.

Marker stopped him.

"All right, all right, we believe you. What are you doing out here? Come to start an Iowa opera, eh?"

Benito was also a farmer. He had left his wife and children in beautiful Italy while he came to the new country where farmers made more money. But when he reached New York he was amazed to find a complete lack of agricultural interest among his friends in Little Italy.

Those he met were singers or taxicab drivers, they were waiters or chefs, they were bootleggers or bootblacks, but of farmers there was not one. Not being without money, however, he made inquiries as to the price of just a small farm in the neighborhood, and was told that forty square feet on Manhattan would cost him perhaps a half-million dollars. He went to Long Island, and found that he could get a good acre for $20,000. Benito didn't have $20,000. Besides, he was enough of a farmer to know that the soil would never pay interest on any such investment as that.

But Benito was a persistent man, and he carried the pursuit further. He learned that the real farming of the United States was carried on in the middle west.

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"Where," he asked his friends, "is the middle west?"

"Oh," they told him, "that is Chicago."

Benito had read about Chicago in his Italian papers, and what he read he did not like. From all he could gather, Chicago was the capital of the Mexican Revolution and was run by racketeers and machine guns. It seemed a strange setting for the peaceful pursuit of farming.

But Benito's great soul yearned for that little farm where he could bring Maria and the children. So he bravely bought a ticket for Chicago, and sat up for 30 hours while he was carried, as he said, thousands upon thousands of miles. When the porter put him out of the train at last, he asked meekly if he was still in the United States.

"Sure," they told him, "this is Chicago."

He was relieved that he was not greeted with a salvo of gun-fire. He hurried up to a man on the plat-form and asked eagerly:

"Will you tell, please, how do I get to the middle west?"

"Why," said the man with a wave of his arm, "your there now. This is the middle west."

Benito looked all about him. Rows upon rows of tracks, covered train sheds, great buildings, overhead railways, traffic-jammed streets.

"I want to buy a farm," he said to the man anxiously. "Where would I go to buy a farm?"

"To the country," said the man kindly. "They don't have farms in the city. You must go to the country."

By some rare good fortune he espied a group of his countrymen talking quietly together on a corner of the street and hurried up to them. He was completely confused now. The man had said "go to the country," but Benito had thought the middle west was country.

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"Will you tell, please," he inquired of his countrymen, "how do I get to the country?"

"What country?" they wanted to know.

"The country of the middle west where I can buy me a farm."

"Have you got money to buy a farm?"

Benito admitted complacently that he had.

"Well," they said, linking an arm through his, "you come with us. We'll sell you a farm."

So they went to a place and had a good dinner with first-class Italian wine, almost as good as in the old country.

"Dosen't Chicago come under prohibition?" Benito had asked them.

"No," they assured him. "Not Chicago."

Benito was glad of that. He could not thoroughly enjoy his food unless it was accompanied with the familiar old red wine. He was glad the farms were to be found where there was no prohibition, and it seemed no more reasonable to him because the farms produced the wine in the first place.

He stayed with his new-found friends for several days, and they taught him a smart game they called poker, and he lost a little money. But he had plenty of the red wine.

But one day he said he must leave them and look up that farm, and then they told him that there was no money in farming in America. They said the only way to get rich in America was by joining a gang. The gang transacted what they called "big business," and all the members did as they were told, protected one another, and divided their money. In this way they all got rich.

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Benito was fascinated. "I will join one," he said promptly. "Where can I find these gangs?"

They were most magnanimous. It seemed they all belonged to a gang, Kappalla's gang, it was called, and he could join it, it being one of the very best. All he would have to do was exactly what they told him, and yet he would be constantly receiving money for this and that. So he gave them $1000 for letting him into the gang.

But alas! Benito found almost immediately that their big business consisted in going about like soldiers, fully armed, and shooting here and there whenever another member of the gang told them to. They gave Benito a gun, too, although he did not like firearms—a rod, they called it, but it was a regular gun—and they put him on a certain corner and told him to wait there until Giovanni stepped out of a big limousine. As soon as Giovanni appeared, Benito was to shoot him.

Benito knew Giovanni and liked him very much, but the matter of liking has nothing to do with it when a member of a gang is told to shoot. They said that if they did not get Giovanni, Giovanni would get them. They said after Benito shot Giovanni there would be a lot of money in the big business, and Benito would get his share.

So Benito stood on the corner and when Giovanni got out of the limousine, he shot at him but he missed. He was arrested and tried for assault in tending to kill, but the jury got the idea that he had missed Giovanni on purpose and had not really wanted to kill him, and they said he was just a greenhorn that the gang had got hold of, so they let him go.

But a friend told Benito confidentially that Kappalla's gang was very sore and said they were going to get him, Benito, for not getting Giovanni. He was not important enough for them to make a real job of getting him, but when they came across him accidentally they would get him.

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So Benito left his old haunts and his old friends and went into seclusion in the home of little Angelo's mother, avoiding all eating-houses where the red wine flowed, and going only to church and to cinemas for his amusement.

And when little Angelo came home with the letter and announced that he was going out to a farm to wait on the table, Benito almost swooned with joy. He almost swooned again simply in the recital of his joy. It was the farm country. He would go there on his hands and knees if need be, he would wait on table with Angelo, he would scrub and clean and sing, anything, to be in the big country where there were birds and flowers and growing grain.

It was true, he admitted. He had forced himself, uninvited and unwanted, upon Angelo, and he would give his life to bring back the little one who had been like a mother to him. And tears flowed down his large face which worked with emotion.

"Well, I'll be damned," said Marker in a tone of profound amazement. "Every word of it checks right up. They're telling the truth."

"But, Benito," cried Phil in a tone of profound amazement, "I wrote to the references, all those you gave me, and not one of them mentioned that you had been mixed up with a gang, or involved with the police. Nor that Pietro had been in jail for bootlegging."

"But of course," explained Benito simply, "when you give a reference for how good you are, you send people to your friends and not yur enemies."

"They're more dumb than anything else," explained Marker in a low voice. "I've got a report of all this from the police, and they call them dumb but not vicious."

(To be Continued.)

S'HAI RATEPAYERS HOLD MEETING.

PROGRAMME FOR MORE SCHOOLS OUTLINED.

Shanghai, Apr. 15.

The annual meeting of foreign ratepayers of the Shanghai International Settlement was held today.

The meeting was for the purpose of devising ways and means of raising the requisite funds for municipal purposes, and to pass resolutions in reference thereto and to deliberate and decide upon other municipal matters and business. The accounts of the Council for the year ended December 1930, were submitted for the sanction and approval of ratepayers.

All the resolutions put forward by the Council were carried.

There were about 350 voting ratepayers present.

The Chairman, Brig. Gen. Macnaughten, in his speech referred to the Economy Committee and Salaries Commission, and said he believes the administration in future will be greatly facilitated and improved.

He was pleased to state that the functioning of the criminal side of the Special District Courts during the past year was on a sufficiently high plane of efficiency to dispel to a very large extent the fears which disturbed the foreign community a year ago. He laid emphasis on the criminal side; but was unable to report any progress towards a solution of the problem of extra-Settlement roads. Neither the Chinese authorities nor the Nanking Government were willing to discuss the major factors involved.

The telephone system had improved and work was performed according to the programme outlined.

Better Education.

Referring to the accounts, he dealt with the provision for additional educational facilities for Chinese boys and girls. Briefly summarised, the programme provides for the establishment, before 1934, of two secondary schools for Chinese girls, and the erection each year between now and 1938 of two new mixed Chinese primary schools, the staff to be Chinese. It also provides for grants in aid of existing non-Municipal schools needing assistance.

By the end of 1938 under this programme there will be 23 Chinese Municipal schools, and it is estimated that 7 per cent. of the Chinese children of school age within the Settlement would be then accommodated.

The precise method of financing the cost, whether by special rate or otherwise, is to be the subject of future discussion. Unless exchange materially improves in the near future, there is every probability that it will be necessary in 1932 to increase the taxes by two per cent.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

JAPAN'S CABINET.

HAMAGUCHI'S RESIGNATION RECEIVED WITH REGRET.

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

The resignation of Mr. Hamaguchi's Ministry has been received with regret. Mr. Hamaguchi's sterling character won him the respect and admiration of the whole country.

The vernacular papers, however, while deploring the circumstances leading up to the termination of the Hamaguchi Ministry are unanimous in welcoming Baron Wakatsuki's appointment as Premier and the re-appointment of all the principal former members of the Cabinet.

This is interpreted as meaning that Mr. Hamaguchi's policies will be continued in principle. Junnosuke Inouye, the Minister of Finance, is quoted as asserting that the retrenchment policy will be continued as resolutely as ever. —*Reuter.*

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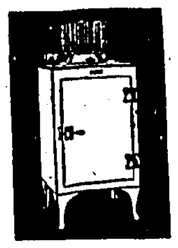

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UNREGISTERED MUI TSAI IN COURT.

STORY OF ILL-TREATMENT AND ASSAULT TOLD.

The hearing was resumed before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, of the case in which a Chinese woman, Li Yat, is being charged with having kept an unregistered *mui tsai*, Li Yut-sim, and also with having ill-treated and assaulted her.

Mr. Q. A. MacFadyen of the S.C.A. prosecuted and Mr. F. X. D'Almada (Snr.) defended.

Chan Yan, the mother of the girl said that she had given away her daughter to Li Yat, when the girl was ten years old, that was over two years ago. She had received from the defendant $130 as ginger and vinegar money. She gave the girl to the defendant as a *mui tsai* or rather a daughter. Complainant had told her that the girl would be sent to a school in Hongkong. When witness came down to Hongkong on March 30 to see her daughter, the defendant drove her away with a broom after having abused her. She traced her daughter to the Tung Wah Hospital where she was a patient.

In reply to Mr. Hamilton, witness said that there had been no question of marriage when the girl was sold. But there had been an agreement that the girl was not to be beaten, resold or sold as a prostitute. She had never been told that the girl had been married.

In reply to Mr. D'Almada witness said that she had never seen defendant's son before. She did not part with her daughter to the defendant in order that she should be married to defendant's son.

The girl, giving evidence, said that the defendant was her mistress, and she had been with the defendant for about three years. She had been made to carry cinders and loads, and had been beaten by the defendant. Defendant complained that she did not do enough work and used to beat her on her fingers with a hammer. On March 21 she lost two baskets of cinders and had received a beating and had then run away. She was sold to the defendant as a daughter, but had never been treated as such.

In reply to Mr. Hamilton, she said that she had never known defendant's son but she had seen him before. She had never gone through any form of marriage with the defendant's son.

Further hearing of the case was adjourned for next Tuesday morning.

CHEERO CLUB.

TWO SUCCESSFUL FUNCTIONS THIS WEEK.

Those responsible for the organisation of the Cheero Club entertainments have every reason to be satisfied with the two functions already held this week. The monthly dance at City Hall, on Monday evening, attracted a large attendance, and was successful in every way. St. Andrew's and St. George's Hall were tastefully decorated, for which thanks are due to Mr. Scrivens, R.N., H.M.S. Tamar. Mr. G. W. True's "Cheero Band" provided a sparkling musical programme, a feature of which was the combination of two grand pianos, played by Messrs. True & Winram.

During the evening, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, who has been elected Chairman of the Committee of Management, moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman, Mr. R.A. Brown, who is proceeding on leave, which was enthusiastically carried.

On Tuesday evening a Special Concert was given at the Club, the organisation of which was in the capable hands of Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, who is Chairman of the Ladies' Committee. A very fine programme was presented to a large audience, amongst which were two humorous songs by Lt. Col. Godwin Austin, which "brought down the house". Mrs. Bellamy sang two ballads, which were much appreciated. Mrs. Koop, ably assisted by Mrs. F. C. Hall, presented an unusually clever "turn" in the way of lightning drawing and trick sketches, and Pte. Simpson rendered two songs. Additional humorous element was provided by Mrs. F.C. Hall with her performing "horse" —"Lobster Belle". The artists were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Scott Little.

Mention must be made of the splendid stage and lighting arrangements, which were in the hands of Pte. A. Bancroft, which contributed in no small measure, to the success of the evening.

It is expected that another concert will be given during May, the arrangements for which are already being pushed forward by Mrs. Bellamy & Mrs. Scott Little. Details will be published in due course.

COTTON MISSION REPORT.

THE WAY TO REGAIN CHINA TRADE.

BAD MARKETING.

London, Apr. 15.

A stern warning to Lancashire that she cannot hope to regain or even to retain her trade with the Far East unless her goods are placed on the market at competitive prices is contained in the Report of the British Cotton Mission which visited the Far East recently under the Chairmanship of Sir Ernest Thompson.

Price Before Quality.

The Mission, in its Report which has just been published, stresses the importance of Lancashire getting into closer touch with the China market and recommends the setting up of a special organisation for this purpose. After pointing out that Japan as a market is virtually closed, the Report says that China still needs to import a large quantity of piece goods, but that owing to the reduced purchasing power of the people, quality has become a secondary consideration and that if Lancashire is to recover any of the lost ground her prices must not exceed those of her principal competitor—Japan.

The First Essential.

The Report points out that Japan's advantage in cost at every stage of production is cumulative, the effect of which is considerable. It emphasises that the reduction of British costs is the first essential. In pointing out that the cost of merchanting and distribution also enters into the prices at which Lancashire goods can be sold, the Report declares that the present position as regards marketing is far from satisfactory.

Holding of Stocks.

The Mission investigated various suggestions designed to increase the sale of British piece goods, all centring around the formation of a Company in Britain to control the export and sale of Lancashire goods in China, either at the Treaty ports to importing houses, leaving the distribution to Chinese dealers as at present, or at Treaty ports direct to Chinese dealers, or by undertaking the whole of the sale and distribution through its own agents. Regarding this, the Report says: "We have come to the conclusion that it would be unwise for any such Company to embark on up-country trading in view of the prevailing unrest and possible opposition from existing dealers. We favour, however, the holding of stocks in China of bulk lines which is the trade in which Lancashire must recover if she is to see a real improvement. But, it is quite impossible to visualise the holding of stocks in any considerable quantities while Lancashire's business is conducted through so large a number of merchants, all competing one against another. We are satisfied that there will be no improvement without radical alteration in the methods of exporting and marketing."

Selling Organisation.

In recommending the setting up of a special organisation, the Mission says that if this is done it should be possible to arrange for the standardisation of qualities required in the China market and to place orders with spinners, manufacturers and finishers of such dimensions as to secure that the goods will be manufactured and finished at very much lower costs than at present. Such an organisation would be in a position to ascertain the requirements of the market and to maintain stocks at the more select points. It could maintain its own organisation in China and work either through the existing importing houses or a selected number thereof. If this proved to be impracticable or for any reason undesirable, the organisation in China could work through Chinese dealers or its own appointed agents as circumstances required.

Costs Must be Reduced.

An alteration in the marketing system, however, is not sufficient to bring about an early and appreciable increase. An increase of production costs in the East is improbable and therefore the Report urges all engaged in the industry, from the buying of raw cotton to the sale of the finished article, to consider separately and jointly how costs can be reduced and so enable yarn and cloth to be placed on the market at competitive prices. The Report concludes by saying that there is no hope of Lancashire increasing her trade in the markets of the East unless radical changes are made.

Must be Competitive.

The Report of the Economic Mission, which visited the Far East simultaneously, is not yet published, but it is stated that it confirms and supports the Cotton Mission's recommendations. It expresses the opinion that no industry so dependent on exports as the British cotton industry can continue to exist unless fully competitive with other countries.—*Reuter.*

THE CHINA COAST.

RECENT TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. J. Paterson, acting Wharfinger, Pootung, has gone sup'y. chief officer, Shantung.

Mr. E. W. Richards, chief officer, Poyang, has gone sup'y. chief officer, Wantung.

Mr. W. D. Cashel, second officer, Sunning, has gone acting chief officer, Poyang.

Mr. R. A. Smith, sup'y. second officer, Hsin Peking, has gone second officer, Sunning.

Mr. P. F. M. de Freitas, chief officer, Shantung, has gone chief officer, Tungchow.

Mr. E. G. Benson, chief officer, Tungchow, has gone chief officer, Taming.

Mr. W. J. Millar, sup'y. second officer, Hsin Peking, has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. J. G. R. Gow, second officer, Hsin Paking, has gone sup'y. second officer, Tungchow.

Captain F. A. Benz, Master of the Minnie Moller, has resigned.

Captain T. A. Howard, from reserve, has gone Master, Minnie Moller.

Mr. D. Warden, chief engineer officer, Poyang, has been retired.

Mr. W. Wishart, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, Poyang.

Mr. J. M. Munn, from leave, has gone second engineer officer, Chusan.

Mr. D. H. Maxwell, from leave, has gone sup'y. second engineer officer, Chusan.

Mr. W. J. G. Jones, sup'y. second engineer officer, Chusan, is on leave.

Mr. A. Taylor, sup'y. third engineer officer, Tungchow, has gone third engineer officer, Taming.

Mr. W. D. Gardner, third engineer officer, Taming, has gone sup'y. third engineer officer, Tungchow.

Mr. J. H. Fayers, second engineer officer, from Home leave, is on reserve.

Mr. J. G. Campbell, chief engineer officer, Wanliu, is on Home leave.

Mr. C. W. Bainbridge, second engineer officer, Sinkiang, has gone acting chief engineer officer, Ichang.

Mr. C. E. Judge, sup'y. second engineer officer, Tungchow, has gone second engineer officer, Sinkiang.

Mr. W. Wishart, chief engineer officer, Ichang, has gone chief engineer officer, Wanliu.

Mr. H. W. Williamson, sup'y. third engineer officer, Tungchow, has gone third engineer officer, Liangchow.

Mr. J. Jarvie, third engineer officer, Liangchow, is on leave.

Mr. E. C. O. Bird, sup'y. second engineer officer, Kueichow, has gone acting second engineer officer, Kueichow.

Mr. M. M. McKinnon, sup'y. third engineer officer, Anshun, has gone third engineer officer, Kueichow.

Mr. L. McWilliams, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, Tuckwo.

Mr. J. S. Lamont, chief engineer officer, Tuckwo, has gone chief engineer officer, Kiawo.

Mr. T. M. McCreath, from special service has gone chief engineer officer, Loongwo.

Mr. B. H. R. Fookes, acting chief engineer officer, Loongwa, has gone sup'y. second engineer officer, same ship.

LOCAL RADIO.

A CHINESE STUDIO CONCERT.

To-day's radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

6.00-8.00 p.m. European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

6.00-6.27 p.m. Band Selections.
Parsifal-March of the Knights of the Holy Grail (Wagner).
The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. DX75.
Conducted by Capt. George Miller.
Tancredi-Overture (Rossini).
B. B. C. Wireless Military Band.
Conducted by Walton O'Donnell. DX155.
Old Folks At Home And In Foreign Lands (J. C. Roberts).
Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. Conducted by Capt. George Miller. DX210.
6.27-6.55 p.m. Humorous Songs:
Song-A Fine Old English Gentleman.
Harry Dearth (Baritone). DX50.
Chorus-Sir Harry Lauder Songs-Vocal Gems.
The Border Singers. DX113.
Song-If Winter Comes.
Billy Bennett. DX13.
Descriptive Sketch-An Old Time "Sing Song."
Charles Coborn. DX21.
6.55-7.13 p.m. Pianoforte Solos.
Caprice Chinoise (Cyril Scott).
Pensoso (Cyril Scott).
Cyril Scott. 2284.
Paraphrase on Rigoletto Quartet (Verdi-Listz).
Irene Scharrer. 2395.
7.00 p.m. (Stock Quotations).
7.13-7.40 p.m. Gems From Gilbert and Sullivan.
H.M.S. "Pinafore"-Vocal Gems.
"Iolanthe"-Vocal Gems.
"Patience"-Vocal Gems.
Columbia Light Opera Company. DX205, DX17, DX38.
7.40-8.00 p.m. Concert Items.
Violin Solo-Persian Song (Glinka and Zimbalist).
Efrem Zimbalist. 2191.
Song-Eileen Alannan (E. S. Marble and J. Thomas).
Dame Clara Butt (Contralto). X341.
Pianoforte Solo-"Gnomenreigen" (Listz).
Leff Pouishnoff. 2053.
Song-Thou Remainest (McGranahan).
William McEwan (Tenor). 2055.
8.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.
8.05-10.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.
10.30 p.m. Close Down.

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CURRENCY REFORM.

(Continued from Page 1.)

from the Northern port during the first quarter of the current year record further improved business over the correspondent period last year—tangible evidence of the adherence of a clientele at your establishments in Shanghai sufficient to maintain a satisfactory volume of business there.

With regard to the disposal of the Majestic Hotel, although the property was not handed over by this Company to the purchaser until the 31st March, 1930, a diminution in the earning capacity of that establishment was experienced during the first, and incidentally what we regard as the most productive, quarter of our financial year, for the purchaser's decision relative to the closing down of the residential portion of the establishment had an adverse influence upon bookings retrospectively from the beginning of the year.

Turning to the debit side of the Profit and Loss Account, you will notice, on making comparison with the figure in respect of the previous financial year, that "Rent, Rates, Taxes and Licences" show an increase of $26,882. This increase is due mainly to the imposition of a tax on the seating capacity of our buses, and to the inclusion of the rental paid to the new owners of the Majestic Hotel, under the terms of sale relating to that property, for the Company's tenancy of the establishment during practically the whole of the first quarter of 1930.

Overdraft Reduced.

The item of "Bank Interest" you will note is reduced by $109,415, this being consequential upon the reduction of the Company's indebtedness made capable by the receipt of the funds representing the purchase price of the Majestic Hotel property.

You will observe that the item "Audit, Accountancy and Legal Fees" is increased by $27,965. This increase is brought about by the payment of legal etc. fees incurred by the Company in contesting the action brought against us by the firm who installed the refrigeration plant at the Peninsula Hotel. This firm claimed from the Company certain monies as being a balance due to them under their contract for the installation of the plant, whilst your Company contended that a counter-claim existed on their part in respect of faulty work. This action was equitably settled out of Court after the trial had been proceeding about three weeks, a course of action your Board deemed it advisable to acquiesce in, for the highly technical nature of the case involved the retention of expensive experts as witnesses, and it was considered that, if the case had been carried to conclusion after further lengthy trial, considerable additional legal expenses would have been involved, irrecoverable even in the event of the Company obtaining a verdict in the action, a state of affairs, which, in the opinion of your Board, the monetary importance of the matter at issue, did not warrant.

Maintenance and Repairs.

You will note that the expenditure for the year under the heading of "Maintenance & Repairs" is down by $43,433, *vis a vis* the previous year. Whilst making reference to this item I would mention that expenditure incurred in effecting modernisation of certain equipment, which strictly speaking could be included within the purview of capital expenditure, has been written off out of revenue. Furthermore, in this connexion, it was not considered expedient to encroach upon funds standing to the credit of the "Repairs & Renewals Account," and the sum of $100,000, which was allocated thereto from the profits of the preceding year, still remains to the credit of that account.

Depreciation for the period under review has been provided for upon our usual conservative basis. In this connexion you will note that it has been considered expedient to withdraw the sum of $200,000 from the "Depreciation Reserve," in order to maintain provision of depreciation on the basis of the standard set in past years in respect of the Company's various classes of assets, a matter to which I propose to again refer to later.

Peking Hotel.

Coming to the assets side of the balance sheet, there is little calling for comment, for the depreciation written off the assets accounts in most instances for the differences appearing when making comparison with the figures of the preceding year. I would, however, remark upon one item appearing amongst the assets, namely investments, which stand in the balance sheet at cost $462,174.48. $469,790.07 of this figure is the cost of acquisition of the Company's holding of shares in the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd., which holding represents approximately ninety per cent. of that Company's issued capital. The Hotel operated by the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd., situate, as you know, in the Legation Quarter of Peking, has, over the past few years, had to contend with competition from an establishment offering the advantages attaching to a building of more modern construction, and, moreover, the volume of tourist business fell far short of reasonable expectation, due to the long prevailing unsettled political situation in the North. The somewhat small operative profits made over the past four years, being insufficient to provide more than a nominal return on your investment in that Company, have been utilised for the purpose of depreciating the whole of the assets on a more liberal basis than the actual life thereof demands. As a result, rigid conservation of cash resources has been made, and by judicious investment of the surplus funds it has been possible to build up an Investment Fund of satisfactory dimensions, and, in this connexion, you will be interested to learn that the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd. has been enabled, at the 31st March last, to redeem the whole of its indebtedness to the holders of its debenture issues, totalling Tientsin Taels 231,900. I think I may say without undue optimism that the Company's improved position as a result of being relieved of all debt, aided by the greater volume of business now experienced at the Hotel in Peking, is such as to warrant anticipation of an early termination of the period of non-productiveness of this investment.

Turning to the liabilities side of the balance sheet, you will note that "Depreciation Reserve" has suffered reduction to the extent to which I have previously referred. The item "Loans secured by Mortgages" stands at $4,300,149.31 on the 31st December, 1930, as against $7,042,128.14 in the accounts for the previous year, the reduction under this heading being effected as a result of the receipt of the purchase price of the Majestic Hotel property.

"Sundry Creditors" are less by $138,191.

Bus Services.

You will be pleased to learn, in connexion with the bus services operated by the Company, that the services on all routes operated have experienced considerable increased popularity during the year, and an increase in Revenue of approximately 17% over last year's figures has resulted from the augmented patronage. As you will readily understand, the factor of adverse exchange has had also a very detrimental effect upon the costs of operation of our bus routes; nevertheless, the satisfactory increase in revenue I have just mentioned has offset in a measure the low exchange disadvantages, with the result that the profits produced by the Bus Department last year are practically the same as for the previous year.

The vehicles comprising our bus fleet have been maintained in a high state of efficiency, and the relative costs included in revenue expenditure. No bus has been allotted an accretion in book value, although extensive overhauls have been carried out to many vehicles, in some cases the motor bus bodies having been entirely rebuilt. All this type of expenditure has been charged to working before computation of the profits to which I have just referred. I feel that to have achieved such result, under the conditions prevailing, reflects considerable credit upon our Garage Department management.

Diesel Engines.

The possibilities attaching to the utilisation of Diesel type oil engines are receiving our serious attention. If the result of experiments now in progress lead to the adoption of this type of engine, a very large saving in fuel costs should result, and expenditure on lubricating oils and general maintenance be appreciably less. We are in close touch and co-operation with our Home suppliers of vehicles on the matter and all possible avenues offering more economical working will be exploited.

You will doubtless be interested to learn that the Bus mileage figures for 1930 are 1,371,533 miles as compared with 1,199,103 miles in 1929, an increase of 172,430 miles, and whereas the number of passengers carried over all routes during 1929 approximated 5½ millions, for 1930 the number of passengers carried falls just short of 7 millions.

With regard to the matter of the appropriation recommended by the Board for the year under review, I feel it is advisable that I should remind shareholders of the adverse cross rate of exchange between Hongkong and Shanghai which prevailed during the year. The exchange position rendered difficult the transfer of funds standing to the credit of the Company in Shanghai—a large portion of which represented the proceeds of sale of the Majestic Hotel property—to effect reduction of its indebtedness in Hongkong, without entailing a serious loss in exchange. Furthermore, the prevailing state of the money market in the Northern port precluded the employment of the Company's surplus funds there to advantage.

Considerable Transfer.

Due to these factors the Profit and Loss Account for the past financial year has had to bear a heavier charge for bank interest than would have been the case had more favourable exchange rates ruled. Since the end of the last financial year, however, it has been possible to take advantage of a temporary favourable trend in exchange and transfer approximately 21 lakhs (out of 36 lakhs) of dollars from Shanghai to Hongkong in reduction of our indebtedness to the Bank in Hongkong. The current year's working should therefore benefit materially from a saving in interest consequential upon the transfer mentioned.

A further reduction in our interest charges is also foreshadowed in view of your Board having decided to issue the balance of the shares constituting the Company's unissued capital. The issue of this new capital should make available, from the 1st July, 1931 a further 20 lakhs in reduction of our indebtedness, and the Company's financial position should undoubtedly then assume an extremely favourable aspect. I think it well to mention here that, normally, the nature of the Company's business involves multitudinous small cash transactions daily, and the collective compounded benefits of these react most favourably as soon as our floating debt descends to the level of the figure it approximates to-day. Whilst on this subject I should like to point out that for the six years 1925 to 1930, a period of extreme business depression, your Company has carried a mortgage debt averaging steadily over $7,000,000 and has met in interest thereon during that period some $3,000,000. During the years to which I have referred, abnormal factors have arisen tending to seriously increase our trading difficulties, and render the times very "lean" ones. In the case of the year under review the unprecedented depression of the local currency has largely contributed to the comparatively poor results shown, for although the situation has forced us to increase tariffs from time to time, nevertheless, it has not been deemed politic to pass on to patrons the full increase in prices on the ratio warranted by our increased production costs.

Improved Position.

In spite of the adverse times encountered, however, your Board have fortunately been able to present to you regularly, during the period in question, Profit and Loss Accounts showing balances on the right side, and you will recollect that in respect of several of those past years your Board did not recommend the declaration of a dividend out of the profits displayed, due to the constricted liquid resources then available, and to the fact that projects involving heavy capital expenditure were then uncompleted. To-day the situation is altered and much more favourable, and, having regard to the improved position *vis a vis* our mortgage indebtedness previously mentioned, and the further considerable improvement resultant from the very good business experienced at our establishments during the first quarter of this year, your Directors feel that they are in no sense acting imprudently in providing out of Depreciation Reserve—a Reserve built up from appropriations from past profits—part of the depreciation written off the Company's fixed assets during the year, thus enabling the dividend to be maintained.

There being no further matters to which I can usefully refer, I now formally propose that the report of the Directors and the accounts for the financial year ended 31st December, 1930, as presented be adopted, and that the following appropriations recommended by your Directors, as incorporated in the balance sheet be carried into effect.—Pay a dividend of 50 cents per share on 796,357 shares, $398,178.50; carry forward to New Account $114,938.57; and I shall be obliged if a shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the Report and Accounts may be raised.

Seconder's Speech.

Mr. J. E. Joseph, in seconding, said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I feel confident that you will support me when I say that we have all just listened with no little satisfaction and interest to the gratifying results of the past year's working so satisfactorily and clearly reviewed and explained from the chair. Although the total profits for this year show a decrease of some sixty thousand dollars as compared with the preceding one, the result on the whole, as our Chairman has pointed out, must not be regarded as unsatisfactory. For this result was obtained in spite of the very serious and continued heavy depreciation in exchange during the major portion of the year under review, with all its consequential adverse effects on the operating costs of every department of our various establishments, apart from the necessary replacements to plant and machinery, as well as the general equipment of the hotel. While on the other hand it must be gratifying to learn that an appreciable increase in patronage over that enjoyed last year, was noticeable. Coupled with this fact, it must also be satisfactory to know that returns from the Northern port, during the first quarter of the current year, record further improved business, over the corresponding period last year.

Bank interest, too, I feel sure we are all particularly pleased to note is reduced by $109,415, due to the substantial decrease of the Company's indebtedness, made possible by the receipt of funds representing the purchase price of the Majestic Hotel property.

New Issue Approved.

Under the existing conditions I certainly approve of the increase of working capital by a new issue as proposed, and if I may also say so, I am surprised that more such calls, by the Boards of other local Companies, taking advantage of the present abnormal money market conditions prevailing here, which after all is really in the interests of shareholders, have not been more in evidence already.

For depreciation, too, liberal allowance has been made, though it was necessary and considered expedient to withdraw the sum of two hundred thousand dollars from the "Depreciation Reserve" in order to provide for the standard set in past years in respect of the Company's various classes of assets.

All other items appearing in the balance sheet before us are very clearly set forth and so call for no further explanation. I venture to express the hope, however, that the improvement in the position of our investment in Peking, as a result of being relieved of all debt, and aided by a greater volume of business now experienced at the Hotel there, will cause an early termination of the long period of non-productiveness of this investment.

Exchange Factor.

It is interesting to learn, in connexion with the Bus service operated by the Company, that the services on all routes have experienced considerable increased popularity during the year, and the total number of passengers carried approximates nearly seven millions; though the increase of revenue from the augmented patronage was offset in a measure by increased costs of operation due to a declining exchange, with the result that the net profits of the Bus Department are practically about the same as the previous year.

While on the subject of exchange, which in this part of the world, is a factor overshadowing all else in importance in the calculations of the business man in all his transactions, especially in these difficult times, I feel sure that I am merely voicing the wishes and views of all business men, that a currency of more stability and intrinsic value and also less addicted to such violent fluctuations by the mere operations or whims of irresponsible speculators outside the Colony's operative influence, should be made available for the needs and requirements of all in the interests of trade and commerce of this important Colony. But the many difficulties in the way are not to be overlooked and the life-long gratitude and thanks of all who have the Colony's welfare and interest at heart, would be fully earned by the Commission of experts now studying this perplexing problem, if they could only find or evolve some reasonably satisfactory solution soon.

In conclusion, I hope and trust that the long period of stagnant and unsatisfactory business just referred to by our Chairman is nearing its end, and with our improved financial resources and position, a new era of more prosperity is also now about to dawn upon us.

With these few observations and comments, Mr. Chairman, I have great pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and the appropriations as recommended by our Directors, as incorporated in the balance sheet be carried into effect.

Shareholder's Suggestions.

When the Chairman asked if shareholders wished to put any questions, Mr. Frank Austin said:—I would like to add my appreciation to the remarks made by Mr. Joseph on the many excellent results now being shown by the Hotel Company. There are one or two things that I would like to suggest for the consideration of the Board of Directors in connexion with the affairs of the Company. I have seen this Company grow from a very small thing, from the time when Mr. Taggart first joined it, and I have seen it grow into a very big organisation. In connexion with this I would like to make the suggestion that it might be a good thing for the Hotel Company to concentrate their efforts in Hongkong. It seems to me that to run a successful organisation like this, with hotels in Shanghai and Peking, is a very big and difficult task. I suggest that when the opportunity arises the Company should get out of their commitments in Shanghai and Peking and that they should contrate entirely on Hongkong. I think that the opportunities here are many and give them a very wide scope. It may be that this has already been done, but I think it would be a good plan to arrange to hire from Gloucester Building a number of their upper floor rooms for bedrooms to serve the Hongkong.

With the funds that they would realise by selling their Shanghai and Peking properties, the Company would have the opportunity of adding to their local undertakings and constructing a new Peak Hotel. I venture to say that there is a great opportunity waiting for the Company with a real good Peak Hotel.

Chairman's Reply.

Mr. Taggart replied that if Mr. Austin could see the figures available since the turn of the tide in the North, he might not be so anxious to dispose of the properties there. The Company was naturally always prepared to consider an offer for sale, but he could disperse a prevalent rumour by saying that the Company was not going to beat a hasty retreat from Shanghai.

The Peak Hotel reconstruction scheme was under consideration, Mr. Taggart said, but he did not think alterations would be begun until the Company was on the credit side with the Bank. This would probably be at the end of next year. He did not think the Company would benefit much from the Gloucester Building suggestion.

The report and statement of accounts was then unanimously adopted.

Business Matters.

Mr. G. H. Potts proposed and Mr. M. H. Lo seconded that the appointment of Sir Robert Ho Tung as director be confirmed, and that Mr. E. M. Raymond be re-appointed a director. This was carried. Mr. J. Gould proposed and Mr. J. P. Braga seconded that Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-elected auditors at fee of $4,000. This was also carried.

Mr. Taggart thanked the shareholders for their presence and said that dividend warrants could be obtained on application at the secretary's office.

These present were:—Messrs. J. H. Taggart (chairman), J. Scott Harston, A. Cameron, E. M. Raymond (directors), P. H. Suckling (general manager) and F. C. Barry (secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. Frank Austin, J. T. Bagram, A. Brierly, M. Caris, Chan Tung-shang, E. W. van Eps, W. J. M. Figueiredo, R. Gordon, J. P. Braga, J. Gould, F. A. Joseph, J. E. Joseph, Lee Chew-ying, Lo Man-hun, P. J. Newman, U. M. Omar, T. R. Parsons, G. H. Potts, A. W. Smith, O. F. Ribeiro, J. H. Ruttonjee, C. E. White, F. Silva, Tai Yau-cheung, M. A. Xavier, A. Zimmern.

THE OUTLOOK IN PALESTINE.

HOPES OF JEWISH-ARAB AMITY.

London, Apr. 15.

Asked in the House of Commons about the present position in Palestine, Dr. Shields, Under Secretary for the Colonies, said that apart from an isolated incident the Easter season—always a difficult time—had passed off quietly.

Replying to a supplementary question whether since the publication of the Prime Minister's letter to Dr. Weizmann the Government were in a position to get the Jews and Arabs together to discuss an amicable arrangement, Dr. Shields indicated that the Government was taking steps with that object.—*British Wireless.*

NORWEGIAN INDUSTRY PARALYSED.

ANOTHER BIG LOCKOUT OPERATING.

Oslo, Apr. 15.

The labour troubles in Norway are rapidly paralysing fresh industries. A new lockout was enforced to-day, involving tobacco factories, breweries, chemical works, in addition to the previous iron and steel, engineering, textiles and building industries.—*Reuter.*

PHARAOH'S HARD HEART.

LITERAL TRUTH OF BIBLE STORY.

The hardening of Pharaoh's heart recorded in the Bible, was literally true, said Lord Moynihan at a meeting of the London Society, when he spoke on "Ancient Medicine and Surgery."

The large blood-vessel springing from the heart of Pharaoh, he said, was found in such a well-preserved state that they had been able to make sections of it and compare them with those made from a man recently dead.

"No pathologist," he added, "can tell which is the ancient and which is the modern section. They are indistinguishable."

Remarking that disease common to-day were also known long before Christ, Lord Moynihan said: "Pharaoh the Oppressor died of acute appendicitis. We know now that Napoleon did not die of cancer in the stomach as was popularly believed. Sir Arthur Keith has found that he died of Malta fever."

In consequence of the large number of acceptances for the V.D.M.A. "At Home" which has been announced to be held at the Cathedral Hall on Monday next, April 20th (4.30 Tea, 5.15 Meeting), arrangements have been made for the "At Home" to be held at the Helena May Institute. Speaker at the At Home is to be Miss F. C. Woo, M.B.E.

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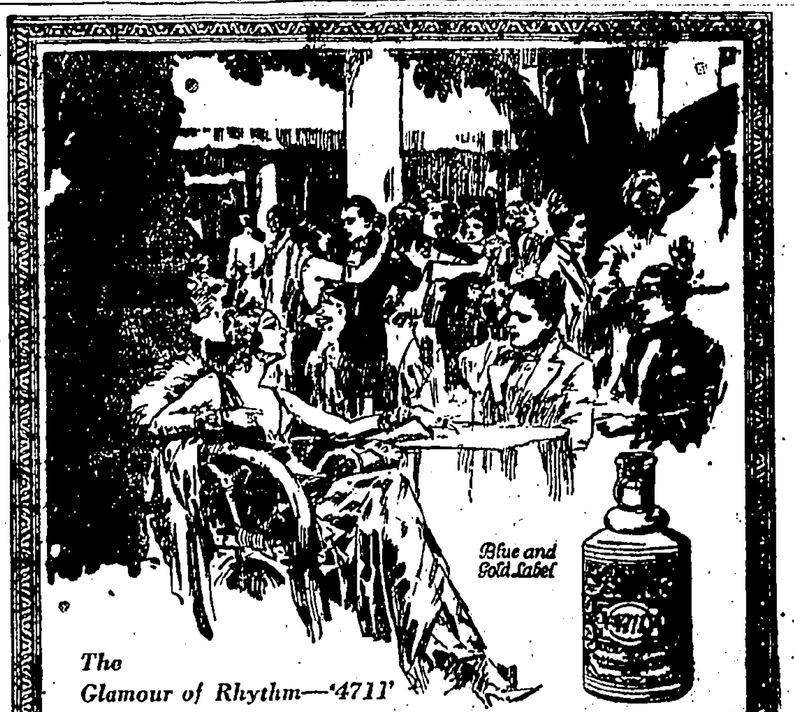

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Their selection was J. M. Barrie's "Twelve Pound Look", which was so successfully produced at the Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Night last week, the popular one-act drama "In Port", and Arnold Bennett's brilliant farce "The Stepmother."

Such a wide selection afforded the players full scope for their talents, and the ovation which greeted the entertainment was richly deserved.

In the "Twelve Pound Look", Kathleen P. Curtin carried the enthusiasm of the entire audience with her naive and charming performance, whilst she received a full measure of support from N. V. Halward and Margaret Birt, whose histrionic abilities were thoroughly appreciated.

"In Port" was exceedingly well performed, the players being W. Robertson, S. M. West and J. J. Ferguson, all of whom gave excellent characterisations.

Finally "The Stepmother" saw the amateurs at their best. All entered into the spirit of the play, and derived almost as much enjoyment from it as did their audience.

Margaret Birt was again seen and heard to great advantage, whilst E. R. Price made the utmost of his character, G. F. Rees was stimulating as the doctor, and Wendy Olme made a perfectly delightful Secretary.

All three plays were produced by Mr. W. Robertson, who can feel justifiably satisfied with the outstanding success which has attended the efforts of himself and his able associates.

At the conclusion, a collection was made in aid of the St. Andrew's Church Organ Fund, for which a special appeal has been issued.

EXTRALITY ISSUE.

DR. WANG WILL MAKE NO CONCESSION.

Nanking, Apr. 15.

Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese representative, had a final interview with Dr. C. T. Wang yesterday on "extrality" Dr. Wang expressed the sincere desire of Nanking for a modification of the Japanese attitude. He hoped that during his stay, Mr. Shigemitsu would receive fresh instructions from the Japanese Government which might lead to an early settlement of the extrality and other Chinese-Japanese issues. Mr. Shigemitsu left for Shanghai yesterday evening and will leave for Tokyo on Friday.

The general opinion in Nanking government circles is hopeful of a settlement with the Powers on extrality. An official spokesman said in a press interview yesterday that the success of Dr. Wang's negotiations depended almost entirely on whether he could find a solution with the U. S. Government. Nanking Government believed that if America would yield to the Nationalist demand for abolition, then the other Powers would naturally follow suit.

The French Minister to China arrived yesterday morning, but so far has made no arrangement for an interview with Dr. Wang.

SHANGHAI FRAUDS.

SECOND MAN GET YEAR'S HARD LABOUR.

Shanghai, Apr. 15.

In the British Court to-day, Sir Peter Grain sentenced Henry Cruz, aged 29, to a year's hard labour, the jury finding him guilty of a charge of aiding and abetting the theft of some galvanised iron piping. They suggested that the stupidity of the accused was responsible for the act.

He signed false names to merchandise orders.

Another accused in the case, named Kochler, was given a year on the same charge last week in the District Court.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

[A somewhat unusual case came up last month in the British Court before the Registrar, Mr. Haines, when Henry Cruz, said to be a British subject, was charged with aiding and abetting the theft of galvanised iron piping, valued at Tls. 17,643 from Messrs. Elm and Company, the well-known Shanghai sanitary engineers, and Messrs. Brunner, Mond and Co. (China) Ltd. The charges related to an alleged theft by a man named Walter Kochler, a German, who was tried for the theft by the Special District Court.

The case for the prosecution in the Cruz case was that Kochler stole the pipes, and sold them through the agency of Cruz, who knew of their origin. Messrs. Elm and Company were defrauded of Tls. 15,042 between September, 1930, and February, 1931, while Brunner Mond's lost Tls. 2,600 on February 7.]

CONCERT AND DANCE.

IN AID OF ST. JOHN AMBULANCE.

In aid of the funds of the St. Joseph's College Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, an enjoyable dance and concert was held at the Hotel Cecil last night, attended by well over 200 people, including a number of the officials of the organization.

A very good selection of dance music was rendered by the Shadowland Orchestra, and at intervals piano solos were contributed by Mr. Julius Levintoff.

Miss Lo Fui-lan was another welcome performer with a speciality dance she gave in the earlier part of the evening.

The arrangements for the function left nothing to be desired, and the organizers should derive considerable gratification at the success of their efforts, both from the social and financial viewpoints.

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Canton, Apr. 14.

That a sensational attempt to assassinate General Li Chung-yen, Commander of the Kwangsi armies in Nanning, was made last week while he was reviewing troops at Hsia Kwan, near Nanning, is reported by the military intelligence department of the Canton Government.

It appears that General Li was reviewing troops in connexion with his intention to disband a certain regiment, stationed at Hsia Kwan. Three assassins fired at him with revolvers. The desperadoes were outnumbered by General Li's bodyguard who captured one of the men. The man confessed to be an ex-officer in the Kwangsi Army and said that he was now with the Yunnanese army. The culprit is being held for military trial.

It is now generally admitted that hopes of a compromise between Nanning and Nanking have been shattered. General Pei Chung-hsi has been busy during the last week supervising military defences at Liuchow, Nanning and Lungchow, near the Annam-Kwangsi frontier. General Hsia Wai, who is representing General Wang Shao-hung, has arrived at Nanning, but his discussions for an armistice have not been successful. The Kwangsi commanders have decided to hold out against another Cantonese invasion.

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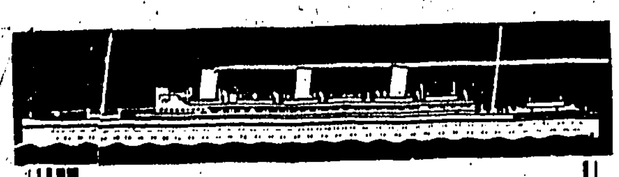

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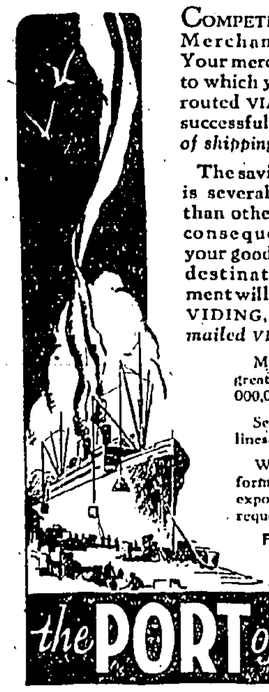

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In what form did you receive it, by cheque or in cash?—I received the money from Shanghai in a registered letter. I don't remember the exact date.

How much did that amount to?—$726.

In cash or by draft?—In cash.

In a registered letter?—Yes. It was addressed to me care of Thomas Cook and Sons.

Replying to further questions, defendant admitted that he had borrowed money, between the 4th and 25th March, from various people—a sum of $25 from Mr. Hundt and another sum of $20 from Mr. Leonard.

Inspector Shannon suggested that defendant borrowed more than he said he did.

Retained Letter.

Replying to other questions, defendant said he received the remittance from Shanghai before the 26th. He said that it was for no particular reason, why with this large amount of $726 in his possession, he should only effect a part settlement of his hotel bill.

He gave an explanation of how he disposed of the rest of the remittance after effecting the partial settlement. Finally Inspector Shannon put to him: "I suggest to you that the money you spent between the 26th and the date of your arrest was more like $300 than $726 as you allege?

Defendant disagreed.

Regarding the letter to Mrs. Symons, witness, while admitting that it was found by the police amongst his correspondence, said that it was his fault that after receiving it with other correspondence of his own, he should have kept it and not returned it to the person to whom it was addressed. He denied having opened the letter, declaring that he had had no bad intentions in retaining it.

Inspector Shannon: Well, it looks like it.

Replying to the Magistrate, Inspector Shannon said that it was obvious that the defendant made a practice of opening and keeping other people's correspondence. "He is only 21, and he has collected a fair amount," indicating a heap of letters found in Simon's luggage.

Convicted.

In his decision, Mr. Williams said that after hearing all the witnesses he was satisfied that defendant received the cheque and cashed it. Defendant's whole case had broken down as to the dates, not overlooking the evidence given by a witness whom he called, Miss Kelly. His Worship was also satisfied as to the evidence given by the office boy employed at the L. E. Gale Co.'s office, who testified that it was the defendant to whom he handed the envelope in which the cheque was contained. Defendant would be convicted on that charge.

Regarding the second charge of having in his possession an automatic pistol and ammunition without a permit, to which Simon had already pleaded guilty, Inspector Shannon said the weapon belonged to Mr. Curtis.

Regarding yet another charge against defendant, that of illegal possession of an identification card, his Worship enquired if defendant wished the charge to be tried by another Magistrate. Simon thereupon returned a plea of guilty to this count also.

Detailing the facts connected with the automatic and the identification card, Inspector Shannon said that the card was kept amongst Mr. Curtis' luggage in his room at the Y.M.C.A. at Shanghai, in the same place where the revolver was also kept. Simon had visited the room on several occasions while he was there and the weapon and the card had not been missed by Mr. Curtis.

In respect of the automatic, continued the Inspector, the Inspector General of Police was taking a very serious view, having regard to its possession by a man of the character of the defendant, and the possibility of its getting into the hands of undesirable characters. Having been already here for several months, Simon might easily have registered the weapon, particularly in view of the fact that its loss had not been reported from Shanghai.

On the charge of stealing or obtaining by false pretences the cheque, which was in a sum of $300 made out in the name of Mr. A. W. Summers, Manager of Messrs. L. E. Gale and Company, Simon was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

For possessing the automatic and ammunition without a permit from the local police authorities, he was ordered to pay a fine of $250, or undergo six weeks' imprisonment in default.

For the unlawful possession of Mr. Curtis' identification card, Simon was further sentenced to one month's hard labour.

All the prison sentences were made consecutive.

VOLUNTEERS' PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

ENGINEERS' HAPPY FUNCTION AT HEADQUARTERS.

The annual supper and prize distribution of the Engineer Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps was held on Saturday last at Headquarters. Members and guests attending numbered about 30, and the prizes were presented by Lieut. Wright.

C. S. M. Everest was congratulated on the presentation of the Long Service Medal, made by the G. O. C. (H.E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands), at the Annual Inspection and was thanked for the silver shield he had presented the Company to be held by the best shot of the year.

The prize winners were as follows: Company Championship. Shield presented by C. S. M. Everest. Small shield engraved with winner's name affixed to border of big shield. Winner—L/Cpl. Lockhart.

Best aggregate without handicap: 1st.—L/Cpl. Lockhart; 2nd.—Spr. Stephens; 3rd.—C. S. M. Everest.

Best aggregate with handicap: 1st.—Spr. Smith; 2nd.—Spr. Ross; 3rd.—Sgt. Coom.

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A pretty Chinese wedding was solemnised yesterday afternoon at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, between Mr. Kwok Yiu, the son of Mr. Kwok Gon-hin, of the Wing On Company, and Miss Pearl Lock Lee Quan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Quan Cheuk-huan, a Chinese merchant returned from Australia.

The ceremony, which was conducted by the Rev. E. G. Powell, was witnessed by a big gathering of foreign and Chinese friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Marjorie Lock Lee Quan and Miss Nancy Kwok, sister of the bridegroom.

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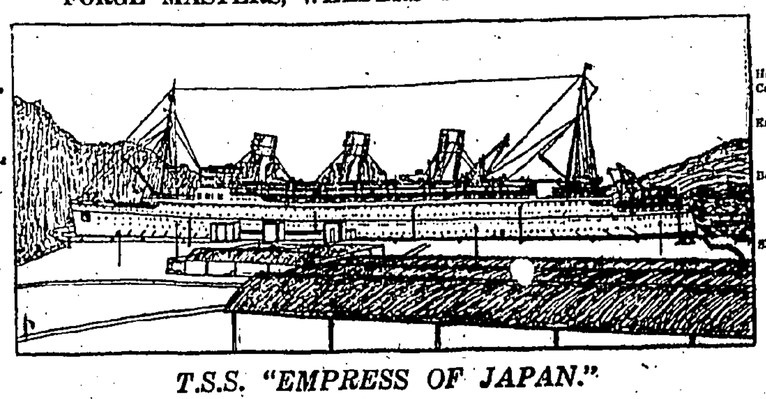

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*BURDWAN	——	30th May.	M'les, L'don, Hull, H'burg, Rotterdam & Antwerp
†KASHMIR	8,985	6th June.	M'les, L'don, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp
RANPURA	16,601	20th June.	Bombay, M'les & L'don
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TANDA	6,956	8th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
RANPURA	16,601	22nd May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
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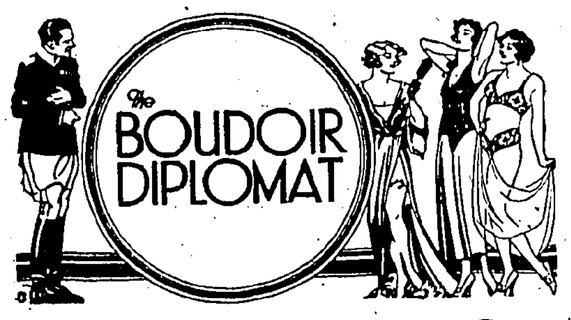

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UNLICENSED DRIVER.

Mr. W. R. Hawes, who recently took up an appointment as ground engineer at the Flying Club at Kai Tack, was concerned in a fatal motor accident yesterday, on the Saikung Road, when, driving a car, he knocked down an aged Chinese. The victim received injuries from which he died almost immediately.

The facts, as brought out by police investigations, were that Mr. Hawes was driving a car belonging to the Flying Club along the Saikung Road.

At a point near Sha Ti Un village, he overtook an elderly Chinese proceeding in the same direction as the car. What followed is not clear, but it appears that the motorist had some difficulty in avoiding the man whose movements, when he became aware of the approach of the car, were erratic. Finally, he was knocked down and received head injuries which proved fatal.

In an official report issued today by the police in connexion with the case, it is stated that Mr. Hawes does not possess a driver's licence.

The man who was killed, was 71 years of age. He lived at Taiwan village, in the Kowloon City district.

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Osnabrueck, Apr. 15.

Claimed by its inventor, an aeronautical engineer named Reinhold Tilling, to be "a real rocket plane," because it returns near to its starting-point, a new rocket was tried out here to-day.

The rocket reached a height of 6,000 feet, where it automatically unfolded two wings and glided to the earth undamaged.

The rocket is propelled by powder, and the inventor contemplates constructing one capable of carrying a man.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN GRANTS RELIEF.

AUSTRALIAN WAR DEBT PAYMENTS.

London, Apr. 15.

In response to a request by the Commonwealth Government in view of the Commonwealth's financial difficulties, His Majesty's Government have agreed that the payments by the Commonwealth to Great Britain under the War Debt Funding Agreement of 1921, amounting to £5,500,000 shall be reduced by over £1,600,000 during each of the next two financial years, beginning September 30 next.

The period of the repayment of the principle of the debt will be extended by a period of two years.

This was announced in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. J.H. Thomas, the Dominions Secretary, who added that the Australian Government had expressed appreciation of the friendly spirit of the offer, which had been accepted. —*Reuter.*

EXTRALITY TALKS CONTINUE.

NO STATEMENT POSSIBLE AT PRESENT.

London, Apr. 15.

Replying in the House of Commons to Sir Kingsley Wood (Con., Woolwich West), Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, stated that the negotiations with the Nanking Government with regard to extrality were still proceeding.

He was not, however, yet in a position to make any statement on the subject.—*Reuter.*

Nanking, Apr. 15.

The Chihli Kuomintang Council has telegraphed to the Nanking Foreign Ministry urging the Government to adopt drastic measures in securing the relinquishment of extrality by declaring the abolition of all such privileges.

The Kuomintang officials regard the lack of an immediate and satisfactory reply from the U.S. and French authorities and the inopportune departure from China of the Japanese Minister as attempts to protract the negotiations to the disadvantage of the Nationalist Government.

TO SAVE RURAL ENGLAND.

PLANNING BILL BEFORE THE COMMONS.

TORY APPROVAL.

London, Apr. 15.

In the House of Commons, the Minister of Health, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, moved the second reading of the Town and Country Planning Bill, which gives local authorities control of the further development of all land in Great Britain and provides for the preservation of rural amenities, buildings and objects of beauty.

He said in the next five years building expenditure would be perhaps £30,000,000 and with a building programme of that magnitude the importance of planning ahead was evident. The economic loss of failure to organise development would be colossal. They must secure for the nation wise economic development and proper conditions of healthy life and prevent the desecration of rural England by a conscious policy of national planning.

For the Conservatives, Mr. Neville Chamberlain gave general approval to the main objects of the Bill.—*British Wireless.*

AUSTRO-GERMAN UNION.

DR. CURTIUS TO EXPLAIN ITS MOTIVES.

London, Apr. 15.

In the House of Commons, replying to a number of questions on the proposed Austro-German Customs Union, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Henderson, said he was in consultation with the President of the Board of Trades, Mr. Graham, on the economic aspects of the proposed Union.

A Geneva telegram to-night says Dr. Curtius has intimated to the League Secretariat that he will explain the motives of the Austro-German agreement in the European Committee on May 15th, in a discussion on the failure of the Commercial Convention drafted by the Conference for concerted economic action, in March last year.—*British Wireless.*

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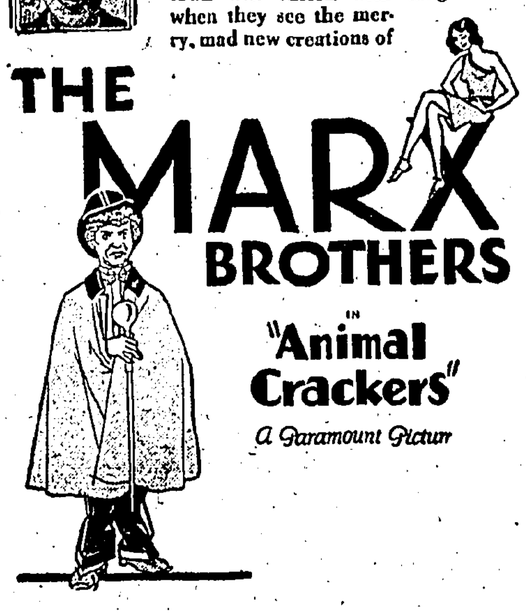

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